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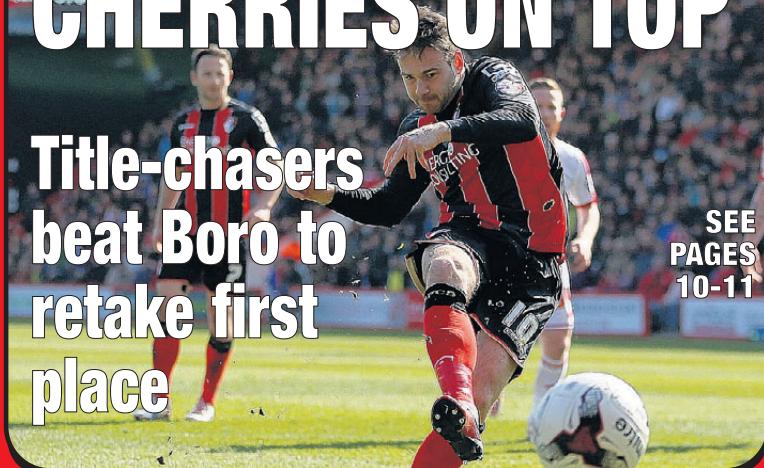
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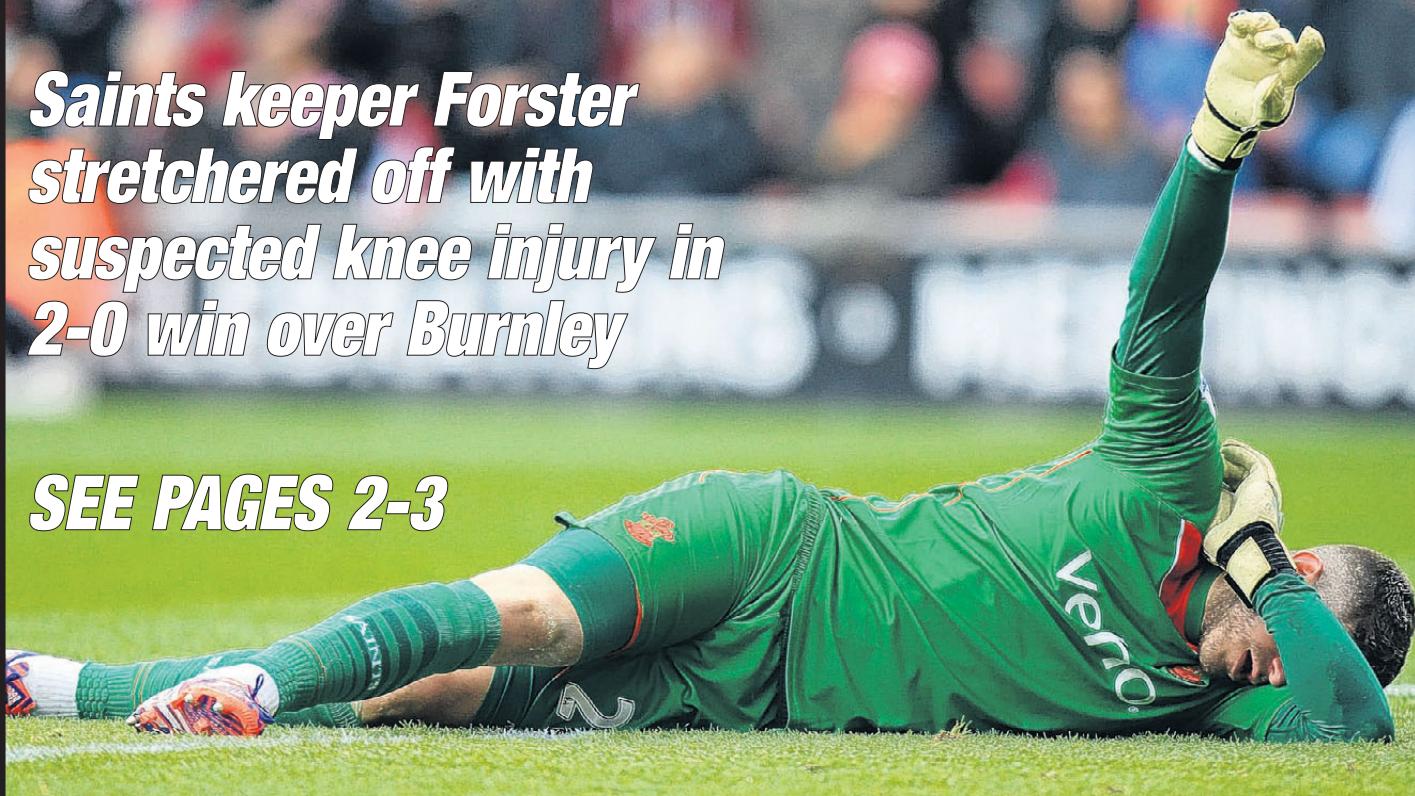


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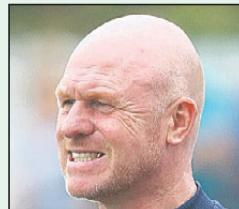
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Saints keeper Forster stretchered off with suspected knee injury in 2-0 win over Burnley

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Saints Spotlight



STRIKE PARTNERS: Long and Pelle challenge for the ball



LEAP: Steven Davis wins a header

SAINTS 2 BURNLEY 0: RONALD KOEMAN'S

LONG KEEPS AND REPAYS

SHANE Long repaid Ronald Koeman's faith in him by scoring as Saints defeated Burnley 2-0 at St Mary's.

The Republic of Ireland international kept his place in the side and delivered the opening goal as Saints kept up the chase for European football.

A second half own goal from Jason Shackell rounded off the scoring.

The only bad news of the day for Koeman on his 52nd birthday was a suspected knee ligament injury sustained by keeper Fraser Forster, who was taken to hospital for further examination and treatment.

The new formation which Koeman started with was certainly intriguing.

Rather than the expected 4-4-2 it was in practise more of a 4-2-2-2, with Morgan Schneiderlin and Steven Davis as holding midfielders and Dusan Tadic and Sadio Mane between them and the front two of Graziano Pelle and Shane Long.

The obvious problem was obviously going to be whether

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Saints could find much width, or indeed break Burnley down through the middle where they could pack bodies behind the ball.

The first incident of note in the game was an unhappy one for Saints as they were forced into a change after just 14 minutes.

Fraser Forster went to clear the ball with his right foot under pressure from Sam Vokes but as he did so his left foot seemed to stick in the ground and horribly twist his knee.

Forster went down in agony and after extensive treatment was stretchered off to be replaced by Kelvin Davis, getting his first taste of action not only this season but for 13 months, having last featured in the FA Cup defeat at

Sunderland in February 2014.

Saints responded well and created a good chance just two minutes later as Long's flick on was directed to Ryan Bertrand, who in turn slipped it to his right to Pelle.

There was a great chance to shoot just on the edge of the box but instead the striker tried to take it further into the area and was dispossessed.

Davis was called upon to make a fantastic save on 24 minutes.

Burnley were trying to take advantage of a lack of width from Saints by playing into the wide areas themselves and Ashley Barnes looped got forward to loop in a left wing cross.

Danny Ings managed to get a touch to send it back across the area and Vokes nailed a



half volley from ten yards that Davis got down quickly to his left to block.

They had strong penalty appeals waved away shortly afterwards as Jose Fonte slid in and appeared to fell George Boyd in the area.

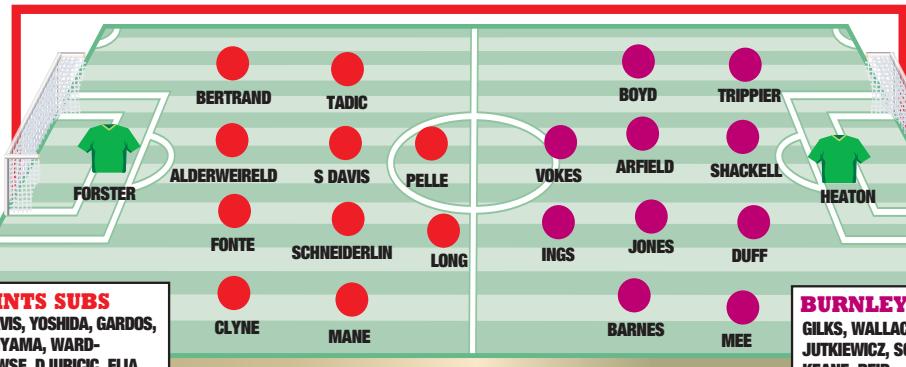
After weathering some pressure Saints did manage a shot of their own, a guided effort from outside the area by Schneiderlin, but it was deflected wide.

However, their frustration wasn't to last too much longer as they took the lead on 37 minutes.

It was certainly a scrappy goal, but Saints did not care.

Tadic's left wing cross ended up scrambled out of the area to Nathaniel Clyne, whose low drilled shot from 20 yards deflected off of a Burnley defender and straight to Long, who side footed a firm finish home from eight yards out for 1-0.

Pelle should have doubled



SAINTS SUBS
K DAVIS, YOSHIDA, GARDOS, WANYAMA, WARD-PROWSE, DJURICIC, ELIA.

Ronald Koeman named a two-man strike force for the first time in the Premier League with Shane Long and Graziano Pelle both starting. Pelle was back in the side after being dropped for the

TEAM NEWS

draw against Chelsea with Victor Wanyama the man to miss out. Steven Davis dropped back into central midfield to part-

ner Morgan Schneiderlin. That left Dusan Tadic and Sadio Mane as the wide men in what was an attacking 4-4-2 system. Eljero Elia returned from an ankle injury to take a place on the bench.

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Saints Spotlight

SIDE MAINTAIN PACE IN THE CHASE FOR EUROPEAN PLACE

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the lead five minutes later. Tadic's deep free kick was headed back across by Fonte and dropped perfectly for Pelle to volley home from the edge of the six yard box. However, his effort hit the bar and came back out.

Burnley went up the other end and so nearly equalised as Vokes laid the ball off to Ings who struck a superb shot but was foiled by a truly wonderful save from Davis, diving full length to his right to turn it wide.

In a pulsating end to the first half, both sides came close again.

For Saints, Steven Davis flicked a looping header towards goal from Tadic's left wing cross but Tom Heaton tipped it over.

Davis also had to turn over the bar, his save from a central header ten yards out from Vokes.

Saints made a half time change with Victor Wanyama replacing Tadic and Koeman reverting to the regular 4-2-3-1 formation with Long going out to the left, Steven Davis

through the middle and Mane on the right.

Steven Davis almost made an instant impact in his more attacking role with a half volley from inside the area which was well struck but fired into the side netting.

Long also tried his luck with a curling and dipping effort from 25 yards that whistled narrowly wide.

However, there was no denying Saints a second goal on 58 minutes.

Steven Davis lifted the ball down the left to Ryan Bertrand whose fiercely half volley cross from the by-line caused an own goal.

Jason Shackell was in a central position on the edge of the six yard and instinctively stuck out his right leg to try and block the ball but instead diverted it directly into his own net.

Pelle was presented with another chance on 71 minutes as Steven Davis stood up a cross from the right by-line which the Italian striker did well to rise highest to meet at the far post but he put his

header straight at Heaton.

Burnley made their first change in an attempt to get back into the game with Lukas Jutkiewicz coming on for Vokes. However, it looked a long shot with Saints having been so much more solid after the half time change in formation which shut down the wide areas.

Shackell had a chance to make up for his own goal with ten minutes remaining but headed off target when found unmarked from a free kick.

Burnley responded with another change with Ross Wallace coming on for Barnes.

Pelle came close again, this time with a tough chance as his flicked diving header from a right wing cross flashed across goal but wide.

Burnley made a final switch with two minutes remaining as Marvin Sordell replaced Ings. It was not to make any difference though as Saints already had the points in the bag as they continued their charge towards European football.

● Koeman reaction – see page 6



LONG SHOT: Saint Shane fires on goal



ATTEMPT: Graziano Pelle threatens the Burnley goal



DANGER: Sadio Mane outpaces Burnley's David Jones



THE GAME IN MONDAY'S DAILY ECHO SPORT PAGES



WADE ELLIOTT

Saints fan Wade back at Wembley

LIFELONG Saints fan Wade Elliott returns to the scene of his greatest triumph tomorrow.

The former Bashley and Cherries winger struck the only goal in the 2009/10 Championship play-off final that earned Burnley a place in the Premier League.

He curled a wonderful strike into the top corner for the only goal of the game against Sheffield United.

Now aged 36, Elliott finds himself back on English football's biggest stage as his current club Bristol City lock horns with League 1 rivals Walsall in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final.

"Of course I look back at that play-off final," said Elliott. "It was a brilliant occasion.

"I've played a lot of games in my career but that was the only time I've played at Wembley.

"These opportunities don't come around often and for me, it might not happen again after the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final.

"You want those memories as a player. You want to lift trophies."

Bristol City, managed by ex-Pompey boss Steve Cotterill, have had an excellent season with a League 1 promotion challenge complemented by a run to the fourth round in the FA Cup and a charge to Wembley tomorrow.

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Elliott, who also played under Cotterill at Burnley, attributes the success to the spirit which has been created amongst the relatively small squad.

He said: "The season started on an optimistic note and it's just built from there."

"The gaffer has put together a close-knit group."

Whenever I look at the programme before each game I'm always surprised how few players we have compared with other clubs.

"That has helped to cultivate this great team spirit we have."

"The players will get praised but it's down to the manager and the vision of the owner really. They have whipped this club into shape and brought it back to where it should be."

"To hopefully have as many as 40,000 fans at Wembley shows the appetite for football in the city. There is a really good vibe around the place."

Elliott played in both legs of Bristol City's 5-3 aggregate Southern area final triumph over Gillingham.

Premiership Spotlight

Who's playing who in the Premier League



CHELSEA

Mar 22 Hull (A)
Apr 4 Stoke (H)
Apr 12 QPR (A)
Apr 18 Man U (H)
Apr 26 Arsenal (A)
Apr 29 Leicester (A)
May 2 C Palace (H)
May 9 Liverpool (H)
May 16 WBA (A)
May 24 Sunderland (H)

Top scorers (league)
Diego Costa 18
Eden Hazard 10
Oscar 6
Branislav Ivanovic 4
Didier Drogba 3
John Terry 3
Loic Remy 3



COSTA

MAN CITY

Apr 6 C Palace (A)
Apr 12 Man U (A)
Apr 19 West Ham (H)
Apr 25 Aston Villa (H)
May 2 Tottenham (A)
May 9 QPR (H)
May 16 Swansea (A)
May 24 SAINTS (H)

Top scorers (league)
Sergio Aguero 17
David Silva 11
Wilfried Bony 10
Yaya Toure 7
Frank Lampard 5
Edin Dzeko 4



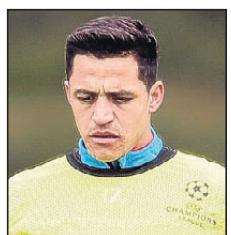
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ARSENAL

Apr 4 Liverpool (H)
Apr 11 Burnley (A)
Apr 26 Chelsea (H)
May 2 Hull (A)
May 9 Swansea (H)
May 16 Man U (A)
May 24 WBA (H)

TBC Sunderland – (H)

Top scorers (league)
Alexis Sanchez 13
Olivier Giroud 13
Santiago Cazorla 7
Danny Welbeck 4
Aaron Ramsey 4
Mesut Ozil 3
Laurent Koscielny 3

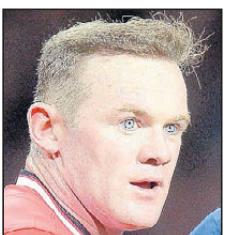


SANCHEZ

MAN UNITED

Mar 22 Liverpool (A)
Apr 4 Aston Villa (H)
Apr 12 Man City (H)
Apr 18 Chelsea (A)
Apr 26 Everton (A)
May 2 WBA (H)
May 9 C Palace (A)
May 16 Arsenal (H)
May 24 Hull (A)

Top scorers (league)
Wayne Rooney 11
Robin Van Persie 10
Juan Mata 5
Marouane Fellaini 4
Falcao 4
Ander Herrera 3
Angel di Maria 3
Chris Smalling 3

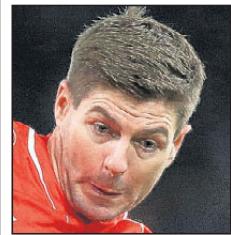


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LIVERPOOL

Mar 22 Man U (H)
Apr 4 Arsenal (A)
Apr 13 Newcastle (H)
Apr 18 Hull (A)
Apr 25 WBA (A)
May 2 QPR (H)
May 9 Chelsea (A)
May 16 C Palace (H)
May 24 Stoke (A)

Top scorers (league)
Steven Gerrard 6
Raheem Sterling 6
Phillipe Coutinho 4
Jordan Henderson 4
Adam Lallana 4
Daniel Sturridge 3



GERRARD

SAINTS

Apr 4 Everton (A)
Apr 11 Hull (H)
Apr 18 Stoke (A)
Apr 25 Tottenham (H)
May 2 Sunderland (A)
May 9 Leicester (A)
May 16 Aston Villa (H)
May 24 Man City (A)

Top scorers (league)
Graziano Pelle 8
Sadio Mane 6
Dusan Tadic 4
Morgan Schneiderlin 3
Victor Wanyama 3
Shane Long 3
Nathaniel Clyne 2
Ryan Bertrand 2
Eljero Elia 2



PELLE

TOTTENHAM

Apr 5 Burnley (A)
Apr 11 Aston Villa (H)
Apr 19 Newcastle (A)
Apr 25 SAINTS (A)
May 2 Man City (H)
May 9 Stoke (A)
May 16 Hull (H)
May 24 Everton (A)

Top scorers (league)
Harry Kane 19
Christian Eriksen 9
Nacer Chadli 8
Andros Townsend 2
Danny Rose 2
Emmanuel Adebayor 2
Eric Dier 2

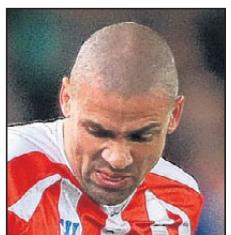


KANE

STOKE

Apr 4 Chelsea (A)
Apr 11 West Ham (A)
Apr 18 SAINTS (H)
Apr 25 Sunderland (H)
May 2 Swansea (A)
May 9 Tottenham (H)
May 16 Hull (A)
May 24 Liverpool (H)

Top scorers (league)
Jonathan Walters 7
Peter Crouch 7
Mame Biram Diouf 8
Bojan Krkic 4
Victor Moses 3
Emmanuel Adebayor 2
Ryan Shawcross 2



WALTERS

SWANSEA CITY

Apr 4 Hull City (H)
Apr 11 Everton (H)
Apr 18 Leicester (A)
Apr 25 Newcastle (A)
May 2 Stoke City (H)
May 9 Arsenal (A)
May 16 Man City (H)
May 24 C Palace (A)

Top scorers (league)
Ki Sung-Yeung 6
Gylfi Sigurdsson 5
Nathan Dyer 3
Wayne Routledge 3
Befetimbi Gomis 3
Jonjo Shelvey 2
Jack Cork 2



KI

WEST HAM UNITED

Apr 4 Leicester (A)
Apr 11 Stoke (H)
Apr 19 Man City (A)
Apr 25 QPR (A)
May 2 Burnley (H)
May 9 Aston Villa (A)
May 16 Everton (H)
May 24 Newcastle (A)

Top scorers (league)
Diafra Sakho 9
Andy Carroll 5
Stewart Downing 5
Enner Valencia 4
Morgan Amalfitano 3
Cheikhou Kouyaté 3



SAKHO

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run-in? And who will be the top scorer?



NEWCASTLE UNITED

Apr 5 Sunderland .(A)
Apr 13 Liverpool ..(A)
Apr 19 Tottenham .(H)
Apr 25 Swansea ..(H)
May 2 Leicester ... (A)
May 9 WBA (H)
May 16 QPR (A)
May 24 West Ham (H)

Top scorers (league)
Papiss Cisse 11
Ayoze Perez 5
Jack Colback 3
Moussa Sissoko 3
Sammy Ameobi 2
Yoann Gouffran 2



CISSE

CRYSTAL PALACE

Apr 6 Man City ... (H)
Apr 11 Sunderland (A)
Apr 18 WBA (H)
Apr 25 Hull City ... (H)
May 2 Chelsea ... (A)
May 9 Man United (H)
May 16 Liverpool ..(A)
May 24 Swansea ..(H)

Top scorers (league)
Dwight Gayle 5
Mile Jedinak 5
Fraizer Campbell 4
Glen Murray 4
Jason Puncheon 3
Wilfried Zaha 3
Scott Dann, Brede Hangeland, Joe Ledley, James McArthur 2



GAYLE

WEST BROM

Apr 4 QPR (H)
Apr 11 Leicester ... (H)
Apr 18 C Palace ... (A)
Apr 25 Liverpool ... (H)
May 2 Man United (A)
May 9 Newcastle ..(A)
May 16 Chelsea ... (H)
May 24 Arsenal ... (A)

Top scorers (league)
Saido Berahino 12
Brown Ideye 4
Craig Dawson 2
Victor Anichebe 1
James Morrison 1
Chris Brunt 1
Craig Gardner, Joleon Lescott, Stephane Sessegnon 1



BERAHINO

EVERTON

Mar 22 QPR (A)
Apr 4 SAINTS (H)
Apr 11 Swansea ... (A)
Apr 18 Burnley ... (H)
Apr 26 Man United (H)
May 2 Aston Villa ..(A)
May 9 Sunderland (H)
May 16 West Ham (A)
May 24 Tottenham (H)

Top scorers (league)
Romelu Lukaku 8
Steven Naismith 6
Kevin Mirallas 5
Seamus Coleman 2
Leighton Baines 2
Phil Jagielka 2
Ross Barkley 2



LUKAKU

HULL CITY

Mar 22 Chelsea ... (H)
Apr 4 Swansea ... (A)
Apr 11 Saints ... (A)
Apr 18 Liverpool ... (H)
Apr 25 C Palace ... (A)
May 2 Arsenal ... (H)
May 9 Burnley ... (H)
May 16 Tottenham (A)
May 24 Man U ... (H)

Top scorers (league)
Nikica Jelavic 8
Mohamed Diame 4
Abel Hernandez 3
Dame N'Doye 3
James Chester 2



JELAVIC

ASTON VILLA

Apr 4 Man U(A)
Apr 7 QPR(H)
Apr 11 Tottenham .(A)
Apr 25 Man City ... (A)
May 2 Everton(H)
May 9 West Ham ..(H)
May 16 SAINTS ... (A)
May 24 Burnley ... (H)

Top scorers (league)
Gabriel Agbonlahor 6
Christian Benteke 5
Andreas Weimann 3
Scott Sinclair 1
Ciaran Clark 1
Joe Cole 1
Alan Hutton 1
Jores Okore 1



AGBONLAHOR

SUNDERLAND

Apr 5 Newcastle ... (H)
Apr 11 C Palace ... (H)
Apr 25 Stoke City ..(A)
May 2 SAINTS(H)
May 9 Everton(A)
May 16 Leicester ..(H)
May 20 Arsenal ... (A)
May 24 Chelsea ... (A)

Top scorers (league)
Adam Johnson 4
Steven Fletcher 4
Jack Rodwell 3
Sebastian Larsson 3
Connor Wickham 3
Jordi Gomez 2
Jerman Defoe 2



JOHNSON

BURNLEY

Apr 5 Tottenham ... (H)
Apr 11 Arsenal ... (H)
Apr 18 Everton ... (A)
Apr 25 Leicester ... (H)
May 2 West Ham ..(A)
May 9 Hull City ... (A)
May 16 Stoke City (H)
May 24 Aston Villa .(A)

Top scorers (league)
Danny Ings 9
Ashley Barnes 5
George Boyd 5
Scott Arfield 2
Ben Mee 2
Ross Wallace 1
Jérôme Kiyemba 1



INGS

QPR

Mar 22 Everton ... (H)
Apr 4 West Brom ... (A)
Apr 7 Aston Villa ... (A)
Apr 12 Chelsea ... (H)
Apr 25 West Ham - (H)
May 2 Liverpool ... (A)
May 9 Man City ... (A)
May 16 Newcastle (H)
May 24 Leicester .(A)

Top scorers (league)
Charlie Austin 15
Leroy Fer 4
Niko Kranjcar 2
Bobby Zamora 2
Mauro Zarate 2
Stephen Caulker 1
Matt Phillips 1
Sandro 1
Eduardo Vargas 1



AUSTIN

LEICESTER CITY

Apr 4 West Ham ... (H)
Apr 11 WBA (A)
Apr 18 Swansea ... (H)
Apr 25 Burnley ... (A)
Apr 29 Chelsea ... (H)
May 2 Newcastle ..(H)
May 9 SAINTS ... (H)
May 16 Sunderland (A)
May 24 QPR (H)

Top scorers (league)
Leandro Ulloa 7
Jeffrey Schlupp 3
Esteban Cambiasso 3
David Nugent 3
Riyad Mahrez 2
James Vardy 2
André Kramarić 1
Paul Konchesky 1
Marcin Wasilewski 1



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When refs blunder

A MAJOR refereeing blunder hit the Premier League again today as Neil Swarbrick dismissed West Brom's Gareth McAuley rather than team-mate Craig Dawson early in the game at Manchester City.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at six previous major mistakes by high-profile referees in England:

Roger East, February 2015

East sent off Wes Brown instead of Sunderland team-mate John O'Shea for fouling Manchester United's Radamel Falcao in the penalty area at Old Trafford.

The referee reasoned that an incoming challenge from Brown had been critical, but O'Shea was the clear instigator to all observers but the referee. Brown's red card was later overturned.

Andre Marriner, March 2014

Marriner sent off Arsenal's Kieran Gibbs by mistake during a 6-0 loss to Chelsea.

His team-mate Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain should have seen red instead for tipping a shot round a post with his hand.

Stuart Attwell, September 2008

Top-flight referee Attwell was in charge of a Championship game between Watford and Reading made famous by his award of a 'ghost goal'. Watford's John Eustace knocked the ball wide of his own post and out for a corner, but Attwell, advised by his assistant, gave Reading a goal.



Dermot Gallagher, August 2006

Manchester City defender Ben Thatcher's forearm smash on Pedro Mendes left the Portsmouth man unconscious and requiring oxygen, but brought only a yellow card from Gallagher.

Mark Clattenburg, January 2005

Mendes was on the receiving end again when neither Clattenburg nor his assistants spotted that Manchester United goalkeeper Roy Carroll had spilled the then Tottenham player's long-range shot well over the line and no goal was given.



Graham Poll, April 2000

Poll disallowed what would have been a winning goal in the Merseyside derby at Goodison Park when Liverpool goalkeeper Sander Westerveld's clearance cannoned off Everton's Don Hutchison and flew into the net.

Poll said he had already blown for full-time, admitting years later he had blundered in not giving Everton a goal.

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Hat-trick for England new boy Kane

HARRY Kane celebrated his first international call-up by hitting a hat-trick for Tottenham as they maintained their bid for a top-four spot with a win over Leicester.

Kane's late penalty, his 29th goal of a remarkable season, sent Spurs on their way to a nervy 4-3 win over Leicester, who had fought back from two goals down.

The prospective

England striker tapped in after just six minutes before his mis-hit looped over Kasper Schmeichel seven minutes later to open up a two-goal lead which looked to have sent Leicester to yet another defeat.

But Jamie Vardy scored his first goal since September before the break and the visitors were rewarded for sustained pressure with an equaliser when Wes Morgan headed in powerfully to pull the scores level.

Shortly after Morgan's equaliser, Danny Rose was brought down inside the area by David Nugent with half an hour to go to give Kane the chance to celebrate his first ever Premier League hat-trick from the spot.

Jeff Schlupp's own goal restored the two goal lead before Nugent's stoppage-time flick made for a frantic finish but Mauricio Pochettino's side held on to move to within three points of the top four.

Arsenal were made to sweat on their win after a brace from Olivier Giroud looked to have done enough to keep Arsene Wenger's side on track for another three points.

An onslaught from Newcastle in the second half saw Moussa Sissoko's low drive find a way past David Ospina but the Gunners held on to strengthen their grip on a Champions League spot and maintain any outside hopes they have of challenging for the title.

Wilfried Zaha continued his resurgence under Alan Pardew for Crystal Palace, hitting the winner as the Eagles came from behind to beat Stoke 2-1 and move above Newcastle in the table.

The Tim Sherwood-inspired revival at Aston Villa was halted against Swansea as they were beaten by a late Bafetimbi Gomis goal.

Manchester City won 3-0 in controversial circumstances earlier in the day, with Gareth McAuley mistakenly sent off by referee Neil Swarbrick and a first goal in sky blue for Wilfried Bony helping City keep up the pressure on Chelsea.



RESULT WAS RON'S PERFECT PRESENT

RONALD Koeman said a win over Burnley was a perfect birthday present – but admitted it looks like being grim news regarding Fraser Forster's injury.

Koeman's 52nd birthday was greeted by choruses of 'happy birthday' from the St Mary's faithful, whose side enjoyed a 2-0 victory over the Clarets.

However, there was a worrying suspected knee ligament injury for Forster, who was stretchered off early in the first half and quickly taken to hospital.

"The best present," said Koeman of the win. "The boys gave me the best present for my birthday, a good win, an important win, three points. A nice present."

Of Forster he added: "He's now in the hospital. He's taking a scan and we have to wait but it's not looking very positive about his knee."

"What really happened we have to wait about the scan but the doctor wasn't very positive."

Koeman did at least have the experienced Kelvin Davis to call upon, and the club captain made two outstanding saves after being drafted into the side for the first time in more than a year.

"It's difficult because it was a long time ago that he played but the positive thing is that he's an experienced goalkeeper," said Koeman.

"He's not by himself nervous to come in, he looks comfortable and that's important for the defenders and the team organisation and everything can happen in football."

"A little bit unlucky for Fraser and I hope it will be good news from the doctor but it's looking negative but we will see."



INJURY: Fraser Forster receives treatment after twisting his knee earlier today

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Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football

MANCHESTER United put in arguably their best performance of the season last Sunday, beating top-four rivals Tottenham 3-0 at Old Trafford.

Louis van Gaal's men had an unlikely hero, with Marouane Fellaini putting in a man of the match performance and terrorising the opposition defence.

Although the likes of Wayne Rooney and Michael Carrick will gain the plaudits for continued impressive performances and playing significant roles in the victory, the giant Belgian's influence should not be overlooked.

From an attacking central midfield position, the former Everton star bombed forward at will to support lone striker Rooney and took up some exceptional positions between Spurs' midfield and defence.

With Ryan Mason and Nabil Bentaleb having their hands full with the likes of Ander Herrera and Carrick, Fellaini took advantage of space in front of Tottenham's rearguard, which facilitated United's continued breaking down of their opponents.

The Belgium international dispatched a shot early in the encounter to put United into the lead, with the confidence and technique shown by the former Standard Liege man notable.

From there, Fellaini was heavily involved in a home display that focussed on getting the ball down and passing it – nullifying the stereotype that having the lofty attacker in the team means a more direct approach.

On occasion, United did play the ball aerially to the 27-year-old, who won the majority of his duels and nodded possession to an onrushing teammate.

This performance was one of stark contrast to the man who arrived at Old Trafford back in September 2013 for a hefty £27.5m fee.

With David Moyes bringing the Belgian with him from Goodison Park, many of the United faithful were unsure of whether Fellaini had the finesse to fit in with the Red Devils' footballing ethos.

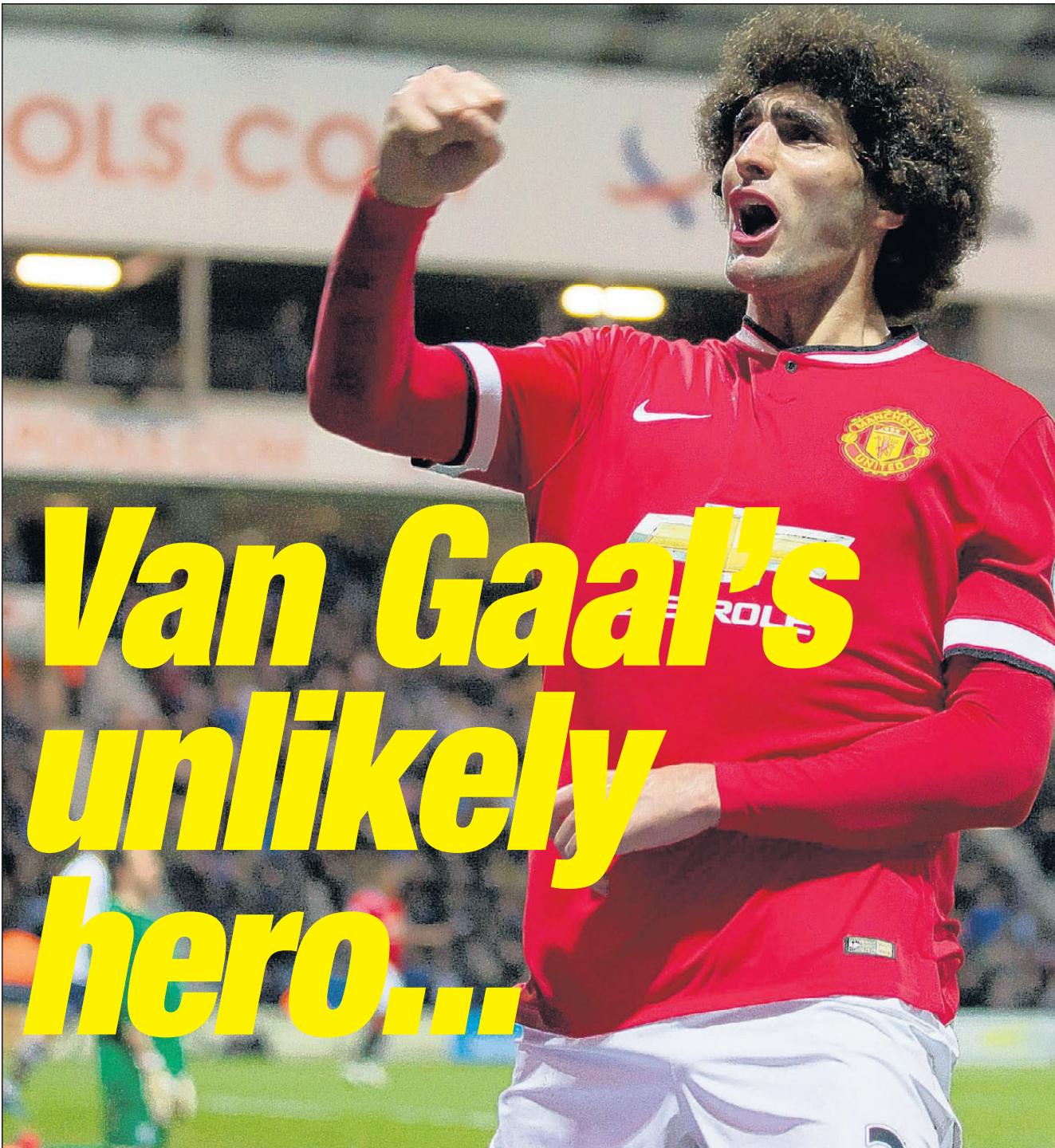
A section of the Old Trafford faithful were concerned that his presence would see a shift to a more direct style of play, while in the early months of his United tenure Fellaini did little to win over his doubters.

More often than not deployed in the centre of midfield by Moyes, the giant Belgian was culpable in a distinctly ordinary team.

Void of any pace and movement around him in the middle of the park, Fellaini was often seen as the scapegoat.

Injuries and a loss of form to Michael Carrick through large parts of last season didn't help United's cause, nor Fellaini's, either.

He admitted that adjusting to life at Old Trafford was taking its toll, while technically Fellaini offered little compared to the great midfield generals of yesteryear.



EFFECTIVE CHOICE: Manchester United's Marouane Fellaini celebrates after scoring

With things going badly for Moyes and United, Fellaini became the scapegoat of the Scottish manager's tenure, with criticism and abuse in hefty measures from the club's fans and the media.

Injuries took their toll, while the bushy-haired star became a figure of folly and a joke amongst rival supporters.

Fast forward 12 months and

Fellaini is back to the barnstorming form that he displayed at Everton and can be a driving force in United's quest to secure Champions League qualification, and perhaps, with City's stalling form, even a place in the top two.

Van Gaal must be given credit for not merely overlooking a player that identified so clearly with his predecessor

The Dutch coach is getting the

best out of the versatile Belgium international.

More importantly, after being subjected to his fair share of criticism when things were not going well, Fellaini is more deserving of praise than most after Sunday's result.

Should United wish to come out of the daunting gauntlet of fixtures ahead, still firmly cemented in the top 4, Fellaini will no doubt have to play his part.

Despite not being the sexy option and the forward of creative calibre United fans, football pundits and ex-footballers are used to seeing parade up and down the Old Trafford pitch, Fellaini is no doubt proving effective.

Last season's last-minute panic buy (as most would see it) is proving to be more than an unwanted Belgian delicacy.



Saints Spotlight

SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2014/15

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AUGUST

Sat 17 Liverpool	A	L 1-2	Forster	Clyne 1	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Schneiderlin	Wanyama	Tadic*	S Davis**	W-Prowse	Pelle	Long*	Isgrove**
Sat 23 West Brom	H	D 0-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Schneiderlin	Wanyama	Tadic	S Davis*	W-Prowse**	Pelle	Long*	Cork**
Tues 26 Millwall (LC 2)	A	W 2-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Targett	S Schneiderlin	Wanyama**	Long**	W-Prowse	Long*	Pelle 1	Tadic*	Cork 1**
Sat 30 West Ham	A	W 3-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	2	S Davis	W-Prowse**	Long*	Pelle 1	Pelle 1	Ramirez*	Cork**

SEPTEMBER

Sat 13 Newcastle	H	W 4-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Cork 1***	Schneiderlin 1	S Davis	Tadic**	Long*	Pelle 2	Wanyama*	Gardos**
Sat 20 Swansea	A	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne 1	Fonte	Yoshida*	Bertrand	Cork**	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse***	Tadic	Long*	Pelle	S Davis**	Gardos***
Tues 23 Arsenal (LC3)	A	W 2-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos	Targett**	Bertrand 1	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic 1	Long*	Pelle	Bertrand**	Wanyama 1***
Sat 27 QPR	H	W 2-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	2	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic***	Long*	Pelle 1	Cork**	Targett***

OCTOBER

Sun 5 Tottenham	A	L 0-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama*	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic	Mane	Pelle	Wanyama 1*	Mayuka***
Sat 18 Sunderland	H	W 8-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Cork 1	Schneiderlin	S Davis*	Tadic 1	Long**	Pelle 2	Gardos*	Mayuka***
Sat 25 Stoke	H	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Cork*	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Tadic	Long*	Pelle	Wanyama*	Mayuka***
Weds 29 Stoke (LC4)	A	W 3-2	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos**	Targett	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis*	Tadic	Mane*	Pelle 2	Cork*	Alderweireld**

NOVEMBER

Sat 1 Hull	A	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama 1	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic**	Long*	Pelle	Mane*	Cork**
Sat 8 Leicester	H	W 2-0	Forster	Clyne 1	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Cork 1	Schneiderlin	S Davis*	Tadic	Mane**	Pelle	Cork*	Reed***
Mon 24 Aston Villa	A	D 1-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Cork*	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Tadic	Mane*	Pelle	Mayuka*	Mayuka***
Sun 30 Man City	H	L 0-3	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis***	Tadic	Mane**	Pelle	Yoshida*	Mayuka***

DECEMBER

Weds 3 Arsenal	A	L 0-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama	Cork*	S Davis	Tadic**	Long***	Pelle	Yoshida*	Mane**
Mon 8 Man United	H	L 1-2	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama	S Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic*	Mane**	Pelle 1	Hesketh*	Mayuka**
Sat 13 Burnley	A	L 0-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos	Targett	Wanyama**	S Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic	Mane**	Pelle	W-Prowse*	Long**
Tues 16 Shf Utd (LC5)	A	L 0-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Yoshida 1	S Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic	Mane**	Pelle	Isgrove*	Mayuka**
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Fri 26 Crystal Palace	A	W 3-1	Forster	Clyne***	Fonte	Alderweireld	Yoshida	Wanyama	S Schneiderlin	S Davis*	W-Prowse*	Mane 1	Pelle**	Gape**	McCarthy***
Sat 28 Chelsea	H	D 1-1	Forster	Clyne**	Fonte	Alderweireld	Targett		S Schneiderlin	S Davis***	Tadic*	Mane 1	Pelle	Wanyama*	Long**

JANUARY

Thurs 1 Arsenal	H	W 2-0	Forster	Alderweireld	Fonte	Gardos**	Bertrand	Wanyama	Cork*	S Davis	Tadic*** 1	Mane* 1	Pelle	Reed*	Yoshida**
Sun 4 Ipswich (FAC 3)	H	D 1-1	Forster	W-Prowse	Fonte	Gardos	Bertrand	Wanyama	S Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic*	Elia**	Pelle	Isgrove*	Long**
Sun 11 Man United	A	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld*	Bertrand	Wanyama	S Schneiderlin	S Davis***	Tadic	Elia**	Pelle	Gardos*	Tadic** 1
Weds 14 Ipswich (FAC 3)	A	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos	Bertrand	Targett	Reed	W-Prowse	Tadic**	Elia** 2	Pelle	S Davis*	Reed***
Sat 17 Newcastle	A	W 2-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos	Bertrand	Targett	Reed	W-Prowse	Elia	Elia	Pelle	Cork*	Targett***
Sat 24 Crystal Palace (FAC 4)	H	L 2-3	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos*	Bertrand	Wanyama	S Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic	Targett*	Pelle 1	Long***	Seager***

FEBRUARY

Sun 1 Swansea	H	L 0-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Reed*	S Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic**	Long***	Pelle	Mane*	Seager**
Sat 7 QPR	A	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos	Bertrand	Reed**	S Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic*	Mane**	Pelle	Gardos*	Tadic***
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MARCH

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MAY

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Adam Rant



This week's big talking points
with **Adam Leitch**



TOUGH SCHEDULE: Would Lionel Messi and his Barcelona teammates be as successful in Europe if they had the fixture schedule of a top Premier League side?

YOU CANNOT EXPECT GREAT THINGS IN EUROPE WITHOUT A WINTER BREAK

THE last remaining hopes of an English team progressing in Europe fizzled out this week, but rather than questioning the quality of our league we should instead examine the reasons why this happened.

Quite why we have this fixation with continually comparing the Premier League to others in Europe is beyond Adam Rant.

It doesn't really seem to matter, it is the most successful in terms of finance and popular support around the globe, and widely regarded as the most competitive.

It is barely worth even considering whether some foreign teams have individually better sides, Barcelona being a case in point, as that is down to individual clubs.

One thing we can consider though is the fixture schedule.

By this stage of the season Premier League footballers are beginning to flag, whereas those abroad have often been helped to sustain themselves.

Of course, we are essentially talking about winter break here.

It is certainly not something that is likely to happen as it does in other countries as Christmas and new year fixtures are such a part of our football heritage, history and tradition.

However, it is worth looking at whether it could be incorporated into the calendar just before or after.

Some of our teams are playing a lot of games, when you take into account the Premier League, domestic cups, European competition, and then international stars going off for their countries.

Adam Rant is no great sympathiser with players being physically tired, they are full-time professional athletes, and at the top level have all the support you could wish for. They should be able to avoid that.

But he does have a touch of sympathy with the mental fatigue that comes with it.

Top level sport is all consuming and when you consider that many of Saints' international players will effectively have

just three weeks off between this season and beginning preparations for the next, it does underline how short a break they can get. All right, pre-season is a low key time, but even that doesn't last very long these days.

Footballers are well rewarded and so sympathy is thin on the ground that they might not get as much annual leave as the average man on the street, which is understandable to a degree.

However, we need to put aside that culture when it comes to addressing how we do in European competition, if we are really serious about changing it.

Ultimately, the winter break gives players a chance to refresh, recharge and relax their minds as much as their bodies. They are then ready to have a proper crack at the second half of the campaign, rather than just being on a non-stop cycle of training, game, training, game, and so on.

PRIORITIES

Quite simply, the question is not about the quality of our leagues, not even that much about the quality of individual teams, and more about what our priorities are.

Now we could successfully argue that the strength and success of the Premier League proves how great our domestic football is, and that part of it is giving people around the world fixtures when they want them, and therefore not taking a winter break.

That is perfectly acceptable, but then we cannot say if we are prioritising that above all else that we also expect great things in Europe.

When we do achieve it is despite rather than because of the help clubs are given.

They may make a lot of money, but this is still sport, it's still played by humans.

The status quo is acceptable for Adam Rant, but the hypocrisy, the inability to look at the fundamental issue at stake and not turn it into a case of moaning about how much money players get paid, is not.

Boxing on the ropes

BEYOND the glamour at the top of the sport professional boxing in this country is in a pretty sorry state.

While many casual viewers just see the big headline fights featuring the likes of Carl Froch and Amir Khan, pictured below, and consider that all is well, scratch below the surface and it's a very different story.

The Sky Sports deal to exclusively use Matchroom Promotions to provide the shows for its regular domestic boxing coverage has destroyed the one lifeline that was remaining for small promoters.

Matchroom do a great job – they are widely respected and liked, treat people well in a game where that is not always the case, and are promoting their fighters successfully.

Sky do a great job with their coverage. You can understand why they have this deal, and it's hard to criticise them for simply doing good business.

However, we are seeing small hall shows are starting to dry up.

If you cannot sign with a Matchroom, or a Frank Warren, or one or two other upstarts trying to make an impression, then you are nowhere because TV money cannot help you.

Then there is the other major problem.

White collar boxing, so sparsely regulated, so basic, but so cheap to stage, has sated the appetite of people who are less into boxing and more into watching fighting.

These shows do not require boards, officials, medical facilities in the same league as professional boxing shows, and so the tickets are cheaper, and the profit margins for promoters much larger.

It has all led to small hall boxing shows, where professionals have traditionally learnt their trade before hopefully graduating up the ladder, to being squeezed out of the market.

In our area alone we have a cracking amateur scene, but a disappointing one for pros.

If no wealthy individual is prepared to put in the money to back them just for the fun of it, then they are left in limbo.

Imagine a scenario in football where we had the Premier League and no professional teams below that.

It is not only a shame but a tragedy for the sport.

If England keep losing and KP scores runs ...



AS LONG as Kevin Pietersen, pictured left, is playing and England are doing poorly they won't be able to shake him.

There is inevitably a clamour for Pietersen to return to the international fold given the form of the England team at this time, and the

ECB are going to come under a lot of pressure.

Ultimately, Pietersen needs to back up his words about wanting an Ashes return with actions.

Forget scoring runs in the Big Bash, if he wants to make an irresistible case he needs to play some

county cricket and lay down some big scores.

It is difficult for him to take that risk, as financially it will mean giving up a lot for potentially no return, but if he does well domestically he will be almost impossible to ignore. He just won't go away.

Cherries/Pompey Spotlight



ONE UP: AFC Bournemouth's Yann Kermorgant (right) celebrates with his team-mates after opening the scoring

RAMPANT Cherries brushed aside promotion rivals Middlesbrough to return to the top of the Championship courtesy of a Dean Court master-class.

Eddie Howe's men again turned on the style in front of the Sky Sports cameras and produced one of their most scintillating first-half displays of the season, writes **NEIL PERRETT**

Yann Kermorgant's 12th-minute penalty, his 14th goal of the season, paved the way for Cherries to strike a potentially telling blow against their fellow high-fliers.

Howe's team dominated the opening period and the only surprise was that they reached the break with just a one-goal advantage.

However, it quickly became two thanks to Harry Arter's thunderbolt just three minutes into the second half before substitute Brett Pitman completed the scoring from a 74th-minute penalty.

Kermorgant was restored to the Cherries starting line-up as boss Howe made one change for this



IN CHARGE: Cherries manager Eddie Howe before the game

lunchtime kick-off, with Pitman dropping to the bench.

Dimi Konstantopoulos scrambled across his line and saved unconvincingly after Kermorgant had tried his luck with a free-kick from 30 yards inside the second minute.

And Cherries appealed in vain for a penalty after Boro defender Ben Gibson appeared to have held back Callum Wilson as he looked to seize on the loose ball.

A swift counter-attack from Boro ended with Adam Reach just failing to connect with Albert Adomah's cross before Cherries took the lead from the spot.

Wilson, picked out by Harry Arter's superb pass, made his way into the 18-yard box where he was felled by Tomas Kalas having got the better of the Boro defender.

And although Konstantopoulos guessed correctly and dived to his right, Kermorgant's venomous spot-kick whistled past him and into the back of the net.

SLOPPY

Adomah sliced wide from the edge of the box as Boro went in search of a quick response before Wilson fired off target following some sloppy defending from the visitors.

Kermorgant, who was off balance when he made contact, volleyed well wide following a slick build up involving Arter, Matt Ritchie and Charlie Daniels.

Kalas nipped in front of Wilson to prevent the Cherries striker taking aim after a cross from Simon Francis had found him lurking at the far post.

And as Cherries scented a second goal, Arter's fierce strike was charged down, while Kermorgant's shot on the turn was held by Konstantopoulos.

Artur Boruc saved comfortably after Tommy Elphick had sliced a Patrick Bamford centre towards his own goal before Konstantopoulos smothered Ritchie's drive.

Another effort from Wilson flashed past the post after Kermorgant had flicked on Andrew Surman's pass before the former Coventry man glanced a cross from Francis wide.

Konstantopoulos pulled off a top-drawer save to keep out Elphick's near-post header after the Cherries skipper had met Ritchie's free-kick



GOAL: Yann Kermorgant scores from the penalty spot

at the start of the second half.

But the Greek stopper was powerless to stop Cherries doubling their lead through Arter's stunner just two minutes after the restart. The midfielder, teed up by Marc Pugh, unleashed an unstoppable 20-yard drive which had Konstantopoulos beaten all ends up from the second it left his boot.

A mix up between Kalas and Konstantopoulos almost saw the defender's header trickle past the goalkeeper before Cherries wasted a chance to extend their lead.

Ritchie, who had the goal at his mercy, contrived to fire his close-range effort over the crossbar after meeting a cut-back from Daniels. Kike's headed effort for Boro was

ruled out for offside midway through the second period, the substitute nodding Lee Tomlin's cross past Boruc having strayed past the last defender.

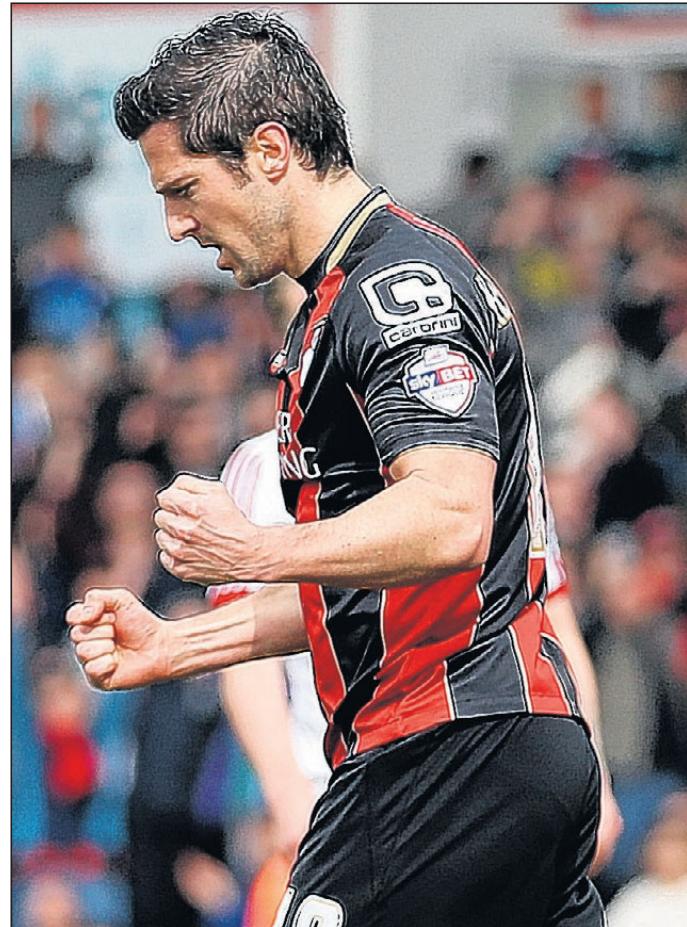
Cherries were awarded a second penalty after Arter had been sent sprawling by Grant Leadbitter following a surging run into the 18-yard box after 74 minutes.

Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

CHERRIES...



BATTLE: AFC Bournemouth's Callum Wilson and Middlesbrough's Adam Clayton vie for the ball



BACK OF THE NET: Cherries' Yann Kermorgant (above) celebrates scoring from the penalty spot (below)



HITTING THE SPOT: Brett Pitman scores his side's third goal and their second penalty during the Championship match against Middlesbrough

And with Pitman having replaced Kermorgant, the Channel Islander assumed spot-kick duties and confidently rifled into the bottom corner from 12 yards.

Pugh and Pitman both went close to extending Cherries' lead further with curling efforts just clearing the woodwork in the closing stages.

Cherries: Boruc, Francis, Cook, Elphick, Daniels, Ritchie (Smith, 65), Arter, Surman, Pugh, Wilson (Rantie, 90), Kermorgant (Pitman, 57). **Unused subs:** Ward, MacDonald, Fraser, Camp (g/k).

Booked: Arter.

Boro: Konstantopoulos, Nsue (Forshaw, 55), Kalas, Gibson,

Friend, Adomah, Clayton (Kike, 55), Leadbitter (Whitehead, 79), Tomlin, Reach, Bamford.

Unused subs: Vossen, Omeruo, Wildschut, Ripley (g/k).

Booked: Clayton, Nsue.

Referee: Anthony Taylor (Cheshire).

Attendance: 10,998 (including 1,345 away supporters).



NO GOAL: Middlesbrough's Kike (right) scores but the goal is disallowed for offside

THE EMOTIONAL DAY CHERRIES ENSURED LEAGUE SURVIVAL - SEE PAGES 12-13

CHERRIES 2014/15

AUGUST

9: Huddersfield Town (A)	W 4-0
Pugh, Wilson 2, Kermorgant	
12: Exeter (A) League Cup	W 2-0
OG, Gosling	
16: Brentford (H)	W 1-0
Stanislas	
19: Nottm Forest (H)	L 1-2
Wilson	
23: Blackburn Rovers (A)	L 2-3
Pitman, Cook	
26: Northampton (H) Lge Cup	W 3-0
Gosling, Pitman, Wilson	
30: Norwich City (A)	D 1-1
Wilson	

SEPTEMBER

13: Rotherham (H)	D 1-1
Cook	
16: Leeds Utd (H)	L 1-3
Surman	
20: Watford (A)	D 1-1
Arter	
27: Wigan Athletic (H)	W 2-0
Kermorgant, Francis	
30: Derby County (A)	L 0-2

OCTOBER

4: Bolton Wanderers (A)	W 2-1
Wilson (2)	
18: Charlton Athletic (H)	W 1-0
Wilson	
21: Reading (H)	W 3-0
Wilson, Pitman 2	
25: Birmingham City (A)	8-0
Pitman, Wilson, Ritchie, Pugh 3, Rantie 2	
28: West Brom (H) League Cup	W 2-1
O'Kane, Wilson	

NOVEMBER

1: Brighton	W 3-2
Greer og, Pugh, Kermorgant,	
4: Sheffield Wed	W 2-0
Surman, Fraser	
8: Middlesbrough (A)	D 0-0
22: Ipswich Town	D 2-2
Kermorgant, Ritchie	
29: Millwall	D 2-2
Cook, Pitman	

DECEMBER

6: Wolves (A)	W 2-1
Arter, Ritchie	
13: Cardiff City (H)	W 5-3
Ritchie, Arter, Pugh, Kermogant, Wilson	
17: Liverpool (A) Lge Cup	L 1-3
Gosling	
20: Blackpool (A)	W 6-1
Ritchie (2), Wilson, Pitman, Pugh, Arter	
26: Fulham (H)	W 2-0
Pitman, Arter	
28: Millwall (A)	W 2-0
Kermogant, Arter	

JANUARY

3: Rotherham (A) FA Cup	W 5-1
MacDonald, Stanislas, Fraser, Kermogant (2)	
10: Norwich City (H)	L 1-2
Ritchie	
17: Rotherham United (A)	W 2-0
Elphick, Wilson	
24: Leeds United (A)	L 0-1
31: Watford (H)	W 2-0
Kermogant (pen), Ritchie	

FEBRUARY

7: Wigan Athletic (A)	W 3-1
Wilson 2, Kermogant	
10: Derby County (H)	D 2-2
Ritchie, Wilson	
14: Huddersfield (H)	D 1-1
Kermogant	
21: Brentford (A)	L 1-3
Pugh	
25: Nottingham Forest (A)	L 2-1
Surman	
28: Blackburn Rovers (H)	D 0-0

MARCH

3: Wolves (H)	W 2-1
Kermogant (2)	
7: Fulham (A)	W 5-1
Pitman (2), Ritchie (2), Cook	
14: Blackpool (H)	W 4-0
Pitman (3), Wilson	
17: Cardiff City (7.45pm) (A)	D 1-1
Arter	
21: Middlesbrough	H

APRIL

4: Ipswich Town	A
6: Birmingham City	H
11: Brighton	A
14: Reading (8pm)	A
18: Sheffield Wednesday	H
25: Bolton Wanderers	H

MAY

2: Charlton Athletic	A
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Looking back at an emotional day as the

IT was an emotional day at Dean Court, one of the most emotional ever seen at the ground.

AFC Bournemouth had beaten Grimsby Town 2-1 on a sunny April afternoon, and the fans were on the pitch.

That was because the victory had secured Cherries' Football League status.

As remarkable as it now seems, with the Dorset club challenging for a place in the Premier League, this was only six years ago.

Only six years ago Eddie Howe's Cherries were staring at non league football had they lost at home to Grimsby on April 25 2009.

They were losing as well, before Liam Feeney levelled and club legend Steve Fletcher struck an 80th minute winner against their relegation rivals.

Cherries had started the season on minus 17 points, due to having previously been in administration.

Rotherham had also been deducted the same amount of points, while Luton had been docked a remarkable 30.

The Hatters had long been doomed to the drop, and ahead of the penultimate game of the season Cherries were still in with a very real chance of joining them.

Amazing to think there could be another pitch invasion at the ground come May.

And this one won't be swathed in relief at avoiding the drop into non league football.

This one could be celebrating promotion to the top table of English football.

All within a sensational six-year period.

Truly amazing.

Morning of April 25 2009

League 2 bottom four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bournemouth	44	15	12	17	53	50	40
Grimsby Town	44	9	13	22	50	67	40
Chester City	44	8	12	24	40	77	36
Luton Town	44	13	16	15	57	62	25

Bournemouth deducted 17 points
Luton deducted 30 points.

Where are they now? What has happened to Cherries' heroes against Grimsby Town?

Shwan Jalal: The goalkeeper ended a six-year spell at Cherries last summer when he joined League 2 club Bury. Only played five games prior to joining Northampton Town permanently last month.

Rhys Wiggins: The Welshman was on loan from Crystal Palace when Cherries secured their Football League status. Returned to sign for the club permanently in the summer of 2010, but left a year later to join Charlton. Has made 20 Championship appearances for the Addicks this season.

Jason Pearce: Left Dean Court in the summer of 2011 to join Portsmouth for £500,000, moving onto Leeds 12 months later.

Started this season as a regular at Elland Road, but was loaned out to divisional strugglers Wigan last month – scoring the winner on his debut at Reading.

Ryan Garry: The defender was forced to retire from professional football in July 2011 aged just 27 due



GREAT ESCAPE: Steve Fletcher has just scored Cherries' late winner against Grimsby in 2009.

to a nerve-related problem in his leg. He became first-team coach at Cherries but was released less than a year later as part of a backroom reshuffle by new manager Paul Groves. Is now under-18s coach at the Arsenal academy, the club where he started his

Lee Bradbury: The experienced striker retired from playing in January 2011 after taking over from Eddie Howe as manager. Scored 92 goals in a league career spanning over 500 games and including a £3m move to

Manchester City in 1997.

Guided Cherries into the League 1 play-offs in 2010/11, but was sacked in March 2012. Was appointed Havant & Waterlooville boss the following October and is still in charge of the Hawks, who are chasing promotion to the Conference Premier for the first time in the club's history.

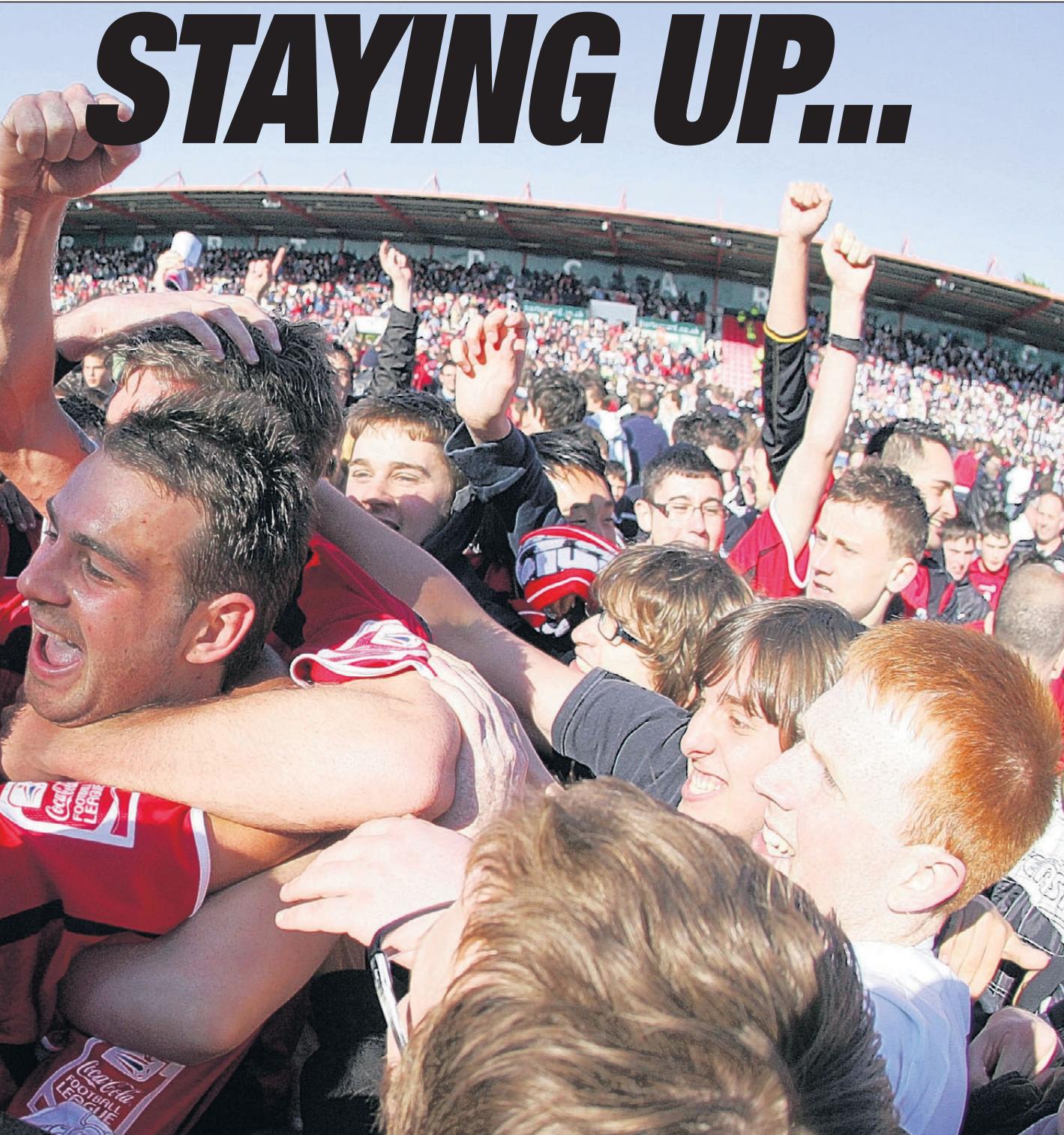
Mark Molesley: The attacking midfielder joined Cherries permanently from non league Grays in January 2009 after impressing in a loan spell. He left four years later,

moving to Exeter City and then onto Aldershot where he remains. Hit the headlines earlier this season when he scored Aldershot's FA Cup replay winner against Portsmouth live on television.

Danny Hollands: The midfielder's five-year stay at Dean Court ended in the summer of 2011, when he moved to Charlton.

Joined Portsmouth initially on loan towards the end of the 2013/14 season, scoring a hat-trick against Bury. Signing permanently last summer, he has been a regular in

Cherries ensured League survival in 2009



Andy Awfod's team this term.

Anton Robinson: The one-time England C non league international is currently without a club, aged 29, after being released by Huddersfield last summer.

Had only signed for Cherries in January 2009 from Weymouth, but went on to make over 100 league appearances for the club before moving to Yorkshire two years later.

Liam Feeney: The winger had only joined Cherries from

Salisbury City in February 2009.

He moved onto Millwall for £200,000 in the summer of 2010/11, after helping the Dorset club reach the League 1 play-offs at the first attempt.

Joined Bolton Wanderers last summer, and has been a regular in the Championship this term.

Brett Pitman: The striker was top scorer in the 2008/09 campaign with 17 goals, including a hat-trick against Rochdale at Dean Court a few weeks before the Grimsby game.

Pitman left to join Bristol City shortly after the start of the 2010/11 term, but returned in November 2012 shortly after Eddie Howe had come back for a second spell.

Pitman struck another treble last weekend, in another 4-0 home win, but this one against Blackpool kept Bournemouth top of the Championship table.

Steve Fletcher: The Cherries legend retired from playing in 2013 after making a record 628 appearances for the club and scoring 103 goals.

Fletcher initially signed for Cherries in 1992 from Hartlepool United for £30,000. He left at the end of the 2006/07 season but returned midway through the 2008/09 campaign from Crawley.

Jeff Goulding (substitute): Signed from Dover in September 2008, Goulding never established himself at Dean Court and left to join Cheltenham in the summer of 2010.

He is currently without a club having had his contract at Dover cancelled last November.

POMPEY 2014/15

AUGUST

9 Exeter City (A)	D 1-1
Wallace	
12 Peterborough (H) Lge Cup	W 1-0
Storey	
16 Cambridge United (H)	W 2-1
Taylor, OG	
19 Northampton Town (H)	W 2-0
Wallace, Westcarr	
23 Oxford United (A)	W 1-0
Westcarr	
27 Stoke City (A) League Cup)	L 0-3
30 Newport County (H)	L 0-1

SEPTEMBER

6 Burton Albion (A)	L 0-2
13 Southend United (A)	L 0-2
16 Dagenham & Red (H)	W 3-0
Dunne, Wallace, Barcham	
20 Wycombe Wanderers (H)	D 1-1
Ertl	
27 Hartlepool United (A)	D 0-0

OCTOBER

4 York City (A)	D 0-0
7 Northampton (H)	L 1-2
Taylor	
11 Mansfield Town (H)	D 1-1
Robinson	
18 Bury A	L 0-3
21 Stevenage H	W 3-2
Wallace, Storey, Devera	
25 Shrewsbury Town A	L 1-2
Wallace	

NOVEMBER

1 Carlisle United (H)	W 3-0
Westcarr, Storey, Hollands	
8 FA Cup 1st rd: Aldershot (H)	D 2-2
Wallace, Hollands	
15 Plymouth Argyle A	L 0-3
19 FA Cup R1 replay: Aldershot A	L 0-1
22 Morecambe (H)	W 3-0
Westcarr, Wallace (2)	
29 Tranmere Rovers (A)	L 1-3
Wallace	

DECEMBER

13 Accrington Stanley (H)	L 2-3
Bean, Westcarr	
20 Cheltenham Town (A)	D 1-1
Atangana	
26 AFC Wimbledon (H)	L 0-2
28 Luton Town (A)	D 1-1
Taylor	

JANUARY

10 Newport County (A)	L 0-1
17 Burton Albion (H)	D 1-1
Wallace	
24 Southend United (H)	L 1-2
Webster	
31 Wycombe Wanderers (A)	D 0-0

FEBRUARY

7 Hartlepool United (H)	W 1-0
Tubbs	
10 Dagenham & R (A)	D 0-0
14 Exeter City (H)	W 1-0
Wallace	
21 Cambridge United (A)	W 6-2
Wallace, Tubbs 3, Robinson, Taylor	
24 Tranmere (H)	W 3-2
Westcarr, Taylor (2)	
28 Oxford United (H)	D 0-0

MARCH

3 Northampton (A)	L 1-0
7 Accrington Stanley (A)	D 1-1
Taylor	
14 Luton Town (H)	W 2-0
Tubbs, Taylor	
17 Cheltenham Town (H)	D 2-2
Tubbs, Taylor	
21 AFC Wimbledon	A
28 Shrewsbury Town	H

APRIL

4 Carlisle United	A
6 Plymouth Argyle	H
11 Morecambe	A
14 Stevenage (7.45pm)	A
18 Bury	H
25 Mansfield Town	A

MAY

2 York City	H
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Non-league Football

CONSOLATION:
Jamie Turley,
left, scored
Eastleigh's late
goal.



SPITFIRE HOPES TAKE A KNOCK

EASTLEIGH'S play-off hopes took a knock today as they were beaten away for the first time in 2015 2-1 to high-fliers Grimsby Town in the Vanarama Conference at Blundell Park.

It wasn't exactly a humdinger on Humber side, but Ollie Palmer, who scored the goal in the 1-0 win against the Spitfires in January at the Silverlake Stadium, poked in the first on 13 minutes. **WITNESS PETER HOWARD**

Mariners substitute and top-scorer Lenell John-Lewis doubled their lead on 77 minutes before Jamie Turley bundled in a 90th minute consolation.

It all turned ugly late on as first Deon Burton was red carded for his part in an on-field debacle and Eastleigh manager Richard Hill was dismissed to the changing rooms by the referee as it became ill-tempered.

Brian Howard, Craig Stanley and Dan Spence replaced Craig McAllister and Will Evans, who dropped to the bench, and the suspended Jai Reason in three Eastleigh changes.

The Mariners made one change with Christian Jolley coming in for Jack Mackreth while John-Lewis had to make do with a place on the bench after returning from a week's paternity leave.

The Spitfires came out the traps quickly with their confidence run-

ning high away from home after four straight wins on their travels.

Some excellent build-up allowed the visitors to produce the first shot of the game.

As Stanley picked up the ball on the edge of the box the experienced midfielder poked an effort at the middle of the goal for stopper James McKeown to catch above his head.

Grimsby came out of that period unscathed and were ahead on 13 minutes as they took the initiative.

That man Palmer, the loanee from Mansfield, a towering, powerful centre-back's nightmare, was on target from close range.

Carl Magnay's cross from the right to the back post was tipped away by Ross Flitney, but only into the path of Jolley.

The winger shot, but the sprawling Eastleigh rearguard on the line pushed it away as far as Palmer, who had the relatively simple job of slotting round Dean Beckwith and Spence on the line.

From there the Mariners had Eastleigh harpooned.

Palmer was Eastleigh's nemesis again on 26 minutes as he burst through from a punt forward by centre-back Shaun Pearson.

However, on this occasion, he could only shoot weakly at Flitney, who could gather in with ease.

The half finished with the Grimsby in the driving seat.

Eastleigh were short of width with neither Ben Strevens or Brian Howard even attempting to beat

their full-back on either flank.

The start of the second period was disjointed.

The Spitfires wasted a decent chance on 56 minutes as a Howard shot from a Harry Pell free-kick deep on the left soared harmlessly some distance over the bar.

Pell, who's a former Grimsby player, then curled over the bar from another free-kick in front of goal from 30 yards on the hour.

Manager Hill then threw his dice introducing with 21 minutes left Burton, Dan Walker and Craig McAllister.

Despite looking a bit sharper after the change, an irresistible move ended any hopes of any Eastleigh comeback on 77 minutes.

Craig Disley dinked through a fabulous ball to Palmer running into the box on the right. He squared it to John-Lewis who had to bite of the cherry before he slipped it beyond Flitney at the near post.

McAllister then tested McKeown with a glanced header but it was held well and it marked the last chance of a gloomy afternoon for the Spitfires.

Burton was then saw straight red as a melee happened in the box. Hill was then sent-off before Turley ran onto a hopeful ball forward to bundle home to make it 2-1.

Attendance: 4,034 Eastleigh support: 51 Eastleigh: Flitney, Spence, Green, Beckwith, Stanley, Constable (Burton 69), Midson (McAllister 69), Strevens, Howard (Walker 69), Turley, Pell. Subs (not used): Evans, Partington.



Unhappy ending for Riley's reign

STEVE RILEY is bowing out as manager of AFC Totton after nearly three years in charge, writes WENDY GEE.

Following talks with chairman Andy Straker during the week Riley and his right-hand man Chris Ferrett agreed to step down by mutual consent and took their last game in charge against Mangotsfield United at the Testwood Stadium this afternoon.

Unfortunately the pair were unable to go out on a winning note.

Despite creating first-half chances galore the Stags were beaten 2-0, making it eight defeats and a draw in their last nine Southern One South & West games.

The Stags welcomed back goalkeeper Steve Mowthorpe from shoulder problems to face an in-form Mangos side who wal-

first-time shot past Mowthorpe with 21 minutes gone.

Totton continued to play better football, however, and Sherborne was desperately unlucky not to level matters six minutes later when his clever chip from the right narrowly cleared Perry's crossbar.

Nathan Hurst then pierced an uncertain looking Mangotsfield defence with a through ball to Gosney, but the Totton man ran into Perry who then dealt with Taylor Edwards' follow-up.

Mowthorpe had little to do until the 39th minute when he turned away Lewis Hobbs' free-kick.

The pendulum quickly swung back Totton's way, however with right-back Liam Hibberd twice testing Perry in quick succession.



GOING FOR THE BALL: Craig Feeney, left, and Mangotsfield's Marcus Mapstone

loped Steve Riley's men 6-0 in Bristol in mid-December.

Totton made a decent start and were desperately unlucky not to take the lead in a concerted spell of pressure which began on 11 minutes.

First Mike Gosney, making his penultimate appearance on loan from Gosport Borough brought the best out of Joe Perry with a 25-yard free-kick that the keeper got both hands behind and turned away for a corner.

The visitors had a more determined look to them after the break and a brave block by Flocks, who jarred himself in the process, prevented Matt Groves threatening goal from Rendall's cushioned header.

Totton continued to compete well, but chances were fewer and further between in the second-half and the next big one fell to Mangos goalscorer Davies who vollied just over from a tight angle on the right.

With Mangotsfield looking the likelier to score, the inevitable happened when they doubled their advantage on 79 minutes.

The ball was delivered from the right and Matt GROVES let it bounce on the edge of the box before expertly steering it past Mowthorpe.

Sherborne swerved a shot wider as Totton attempted to get back into it but the next save of note came from Mowthorpe as he got down sharply to take the sting out of sub Ryan Bath's low blast.

Gosney had one last chance for Totton with a determined run to the right byline, but Perry blocked him out at the near post.



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Did You Know?

1948/49 Average Football League attendances

1 Newcastle United	1	53,839
2 Arsenal	1	51,478
3 Manchester United	1	48,808
4 Tottenham Hotspur	2	48,258
5 Aston Villa	1	47,320
6 Chelsea	1	46,362
7 Sunderland	1	45,220
8 Everton	1	45,138
9 Liverpool	1	44,031
10 Wolves	1	43,690
11 Charlton Athletic	1	40,216
12 Manchester City	1	38,699
13 Birmingham City	1	38,453
14 Portsmouth	1	37,082
15 Hull City	3N	36,763
16 Cardiff City	2	35,091
17 Sheffield United	1	34,387
18 Middlesbrough	1	34,292
19 Bolton Wanderers	1	34,113
20 Sheffield Wednesday	2	33,797
21 West Bromwich	2	33,395
22 Preston North End	1	33,226
23 Leicester City	2	30,384
24 Burnley	1	30,290
25 Notts County	3S	30,002
26 Stoke City	1	29,943
27 Derby County	1	29,798
28 Fulham	2	29,327
29 Leeds United	2	29,318
30 SAINTS	2	25,384
31 Blackpool	1	24,882
32 Millwall	3S	24,629
33 Norwich City	3S	24,325
34 Nottingham Forest	2	24,175
35 West Ham	2	23,354
36 Plymouth Argyle	2	22,820
37 Brentford	2	22,755
38 Swindon City	3S	22,535
39 Blackburn Rovers	2	22,421
40 Coventry City	2	22,342
41 Huddersfield Town	1	22,151
42 QPR	2	21,628
43 Barnsley	2	19,305
44 Luton Town	2	17,796
45 Brighton	3S	17,729
46 Bristol Rovers	3S	17,539
47 Swindon Town	3S	16,672
48 Grimsby Town	2	16,602
49 Bristol City	3S	16,523
50 Bury	2	16,360
51 BOURNEMOUTH	3S	15,975
52 Oldham Athletic	3N	15,893
53 Lincoln City	2	15,890
54 Reading	3S	15,588
55 Bradford PA	2	14,983
56 Crystal Palace	3S	14,874
57 Chesterfield	2	14,229
58 Doncaster	3N	13,842
59 Rotherham	3N	13,541
60 Ipswich Town	3S	13,399
61 Leyton Orient	3S	12,444
62 Port Vale	3S	12,069
63 Newport County	3S	11,878
64 Mansfield Town	3N	11,312
65 Watford	3S	11,161
66 Carlisle United	3N	11,129
67 Stockport County	3N	10,916
68 Walsall	3S	10,772
69 Southend United	3S	10,500
70 Bradford City	3N	10,447
71 York City	3N	10,412
72 Darlington	3N	10,234
73 Exeter City	3S	10,143
74 Wrexham	3N	9,563
75 Northampton Town	3S	9,211
76 Halifax Town	3N	8,914
77 Hartlepool United	3N	8,796
78 Rochdale	3N	8,616
79 Tranmere Rovers	3N	8,298
80 Torquay United	3S	7,939
81 Southport	3N	7,637
82 Aldershot	3S	7,351
83 Crewe Alexandra	3N	7,311
84 Gateshead	3N	7,284
85 Chester City	3N	6,959
86 Barrow	3N	6,939
87 New Brighton	3N	6,861
88 Accrington Stanley	3N	6,001

GOLDEN AGE FOR CLUBS



MORE POPULAR THAN EVER: Saints score in a Second Division game during the historic 1948/49 season.

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It is hailed as English football's true golden age.

And a look at the average attendances recorded in the top four divisions in 1948/49 illustrate just why that is the case.

Every single one of the then 88 professional clubs averaged more than 6,000 for league games.

The worst supported club, Accrington Stanley, averaged 6,001 for their Third Division North games.

All these years on, Accrington are STILL the worst supported Football League club.

But the club's current average has dwindled since those heady days, and is now under the 1,800 mark.

Eye-popping

That means they have lost about 4,200 fans on average since 1948/49 – a figure other clubs would absolutely love to have recorded!

A look at the attendance figures printed on these pages provide a few eye-popping facts.

Charlton Athletic averaging over 40,000 for top flight games at The Valley, for one.

The Addicks are still at the same ground, though obviously now all-seater and with a vastly reduced capacity.

The club are currently averaging



GOALMOUTH ACTION: Supporters pack into the Dell in the immediate post-war years.

about 16,300 – meaning a loss of almost 24,000 supporters.

Charlton's highest Championship attendance this season is not even half of the club's average in 1948/49.

Elsewhere, Notts County recorded an average crowd of over 30,000 for their Third Division North games.

Attendances at Meadow Lane were boosted after County stunned the footballing world by signing England striker Tommy Lawton from Chelsea.

Lawton's arrival in the East Midlands put more than 10,000 on the club's average crowds.

Boasted

Today, the Meadow Lane capacity is just over 20,000 and the Magpies' average this term is just over a quarter of that.

Other clubs boasted average crowds the like of which they will never see again.

Portsmouth averaged over 37,000

at Fratton Park for their top flight matches in 1948/49 – with the club's current fourth tier average not even half that.

Bristol Rovers averaged over 17,500 back then for their Third Division South matches.

They were better supported then cross-city rivals City, by around 1,000 fans.

All a far cry from today, with Rovers now a non-league club and getting 7,233 through the turnstiles for their Conference Premier game

SUNDAY FOOTBALL ROUND-UP – SEE PAGE 31

Saints Spotlight

AT THE TURNSTILES ...



PART OF THE POST-WAR FOOTBALL CROWD BOOM: Fans at The Dell in 1948/49.



GOLDEN AGE: Fans at The Dell pack the ground to watch Saints in Second Division action.

with Eastleigh earlier this month. The Gas are not the only ones to have fallen on hard times.

Lincoln City are also in the Conference Premier these days, and are struggling to attract 3,000 to Sincil Bank – compared to their average crowd of almost 16,000 in 1948/49.

Bradford Park Avenue now play in the Conference North, the same level of the pyramid as the likes of Gosport Borough, Havant & Waterlooville and Basingstoke Town.

In 1948/49 they attracted an average crowd of almost 15,000 – compared to cross city rivals Bradford City's average of under 11,000.

A statistic almost impossible to take in now, given City's recent cup successes.

Post-war boom

Park Avenue now average under 2,000 – and how many of them remember being part of the post-war football boom!

Stockport County, who as recently as 2009/10 were playing Saints in the third division, are also now in Conference North.

In 1948/49 they were averaging almost 11,000.

Now they are averaging just over 2,600, making them the best supported non-league club outside of Conference Premier level.

As for Bournemouth, they averaged almost 16,000 for Third Division South games in 1948/49.

That is more than 6,000 more

than they are cramming into Dean Court these days to watch a side that could potentially be lining up against the elite of English football in the Premier League next term.

● Have any of our Pink readers got any memories of watching football in the immediate post-war era? Email simon.carter@dailyecho.co.uk with your anecdotes.

Did You Know?

Non league average attendances 2014/15

	Av	% +/-
Bristol Rovers	6172	-3.88
Grimsby Town	3538	-0.84
Wrexham	3439	14.90
Lincoln City	2630	11.72
Stockport County	2613	1.63
Chester	2259	-4.52
Torquay United	2082	-21.20
FC Utd of Manch	2000	4.06
Woking	1897	17.46
Kidderminster	1793	-11.89
Barnet	1784	4.63
Maidstone United	1778	-2.36
Aldershot Town	1758	-9.71
Eastleigh	1678	146.76
AFC Telford Utd	1580	-6.40
FC Halifax Town	1548	-3.07
Macclesfield Town	1536	1.59
Forest Green Rovers	1395	16.74
Barrow	1370	86.14
Altrincham	1237	43.34
Gateshead	1187	33.97
Dartford	1130	-9.67
Chorley	1061	11.80
Southport	1052	1.84
Boston United	1037	-4.69
Darlington 1883	999	-8.93
Dulwich Hamlet	968	45.13
Ebbsfleet United	945	3.96
Dover Athletic	926	39.25
Bromley	899	42.93
Nuneaton Town	883	-26.96
Havant & Waterlooville	809	46.82
Braintree Town	803	-19.22
Guernsey	756	-23.33
Tamworth	746	-23.72
Welling United	714	-11.96
Margate	712	119.08
Wealdstone	705	3.68
Chelmsford City	665	7.26
Weymouth	638	21.99
Lowestoft Town	630	22.33
Alfreton Town	617	-23.35
Kettering Town	603	-3.37
Eastbourne Borough	577	5.87
Hemel Hempstead	574	4.74
Spennymoor Town	570	32.56
St Albans City	563	9.32
Basingstoke Town	556	78.21
Sutton United	553	-14.13
Leamington	550	-11.86
Hednesford Town	549	-11.74
Guiseley	545	10.32
AFC Fylde	528	68.69
Worcester City	527	1.54
Gosport Borough	521	17.34
Kings Lynn Town	521	-14.17
Bath City	518	-13.52
Stalybridge Celtic	513	17.66
Merthyr Town	509	51.04
Harrogate Town	508	-12.71
Lewes	492	-2.19
Stourbridge	485	14.66
Corby Town	479	76.10
Halesowen Town	477	27.20
Stafford Rangers	461	19.74
Ilkeston	450	-3.02
Tonbridge Angels	446	5.69
Blyth Spartans	438	21.67
Solihull Moors	437	1.63
Dorchester Town	415	6.41
Workington	412	15.41
Gainsborough Trinity	408	3.82
Gloucester City	408	18.60
Bognor Regis Town	403	-5.18
Maidenhead United	397	31.02
Hyde	389	-43.54
Truro City	388	2.92
Hitchin Town	386	12.87
Bishops Stortford	386	-0.52
Enfield Town	375	-2.60
Bradford Park Avenue	371	10.09
Marine	367	1.94
Stamford	365	13.71
Poole Town	362	18.30
St Neots Town	361	9.06
Farnborough	356	-7.77
Burgess Hill Town	355	53.02
Hampton & Richmond	350	11.82

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Barker to stay in role

CHRIS Barker will remain caretaker boss of Vanarama Conference outfit Aldershot Town until the end of the season.

The 35-year-old, who has guided the Shots away from the drop zone since his appointment on January 21, will continue to be assisted by ex-Eastleigh No2 Matt Gray for the tail-end of the campaign.

The north Hampshire club will then review the position before appointing a permanent manager for 2015/16.

"We're absolutely delighted with Chris's performance to date and that he is able to continue in this role until the end of the season," said director Andy Muckett.

"We have spent a lot of time looking for the right person and we will continue that search but, at the moment, we are very happy with the way Chris is managing the team and the results he has delivered."

Former Eastleigh striker Brett Williams (above) scored for the Shots at home to Southport last Saturday, but it was all in vain. The visitors ran out 2-1 victors to put an end to Barker's six-match unbeaten run in charge.

Matthews out of bid

PLAYER-MANAGER Jason Matthews has been forced out of Weymouth's Southern Premier promotion pursuit.

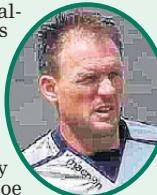
The former Eastleigh goalkeeper (right) is sidelined with a thigh problem.

To cover for his absence the boss has signed teenage Bristol City 'keeper Joe Wollacott on a month's loan.

Wollacott impressed last Saturday as the Terras dug in for a 1-0 victory at Arlessey Town, pulling off a couple of top-drawer saves at the death.

"He has a good presence and I was pleased with his performance," said Matthews. "He comes highly rated and has been offered a professional deal."

Weymouth, meanwhile, have confirmed that former Salisbury City frontman/defender Robbie Matthews has returned to his parent club Gosport Borough after completing a month's loan.



Chalk set to say his farewells

OUT-GOING Bemerton Heath Harlequins boss Ian Chalk was preparing to say a "heartfelt" farewell to the club at home to Totton & Eling today.

The 49-year-old is calling time on his eight seasons in charge at Western Way, ready for new manager Graham Kemp to take the reins this week.

"I've had a fantastic time at Bemerton and am proud of everything we've achieved together, but all good things come to an end and it's my time to move on," said Chalk.

"Hopefully the club will continue to grow and the new manager can bring success."

"Whatever the outcome against Totton & Eling, it's been an honour and a pleasure to have worked at such a great little club and my heartfelt thanks go out to all at Harlequins, and especially Steve Slade (chairman) for giving me the opportunity."

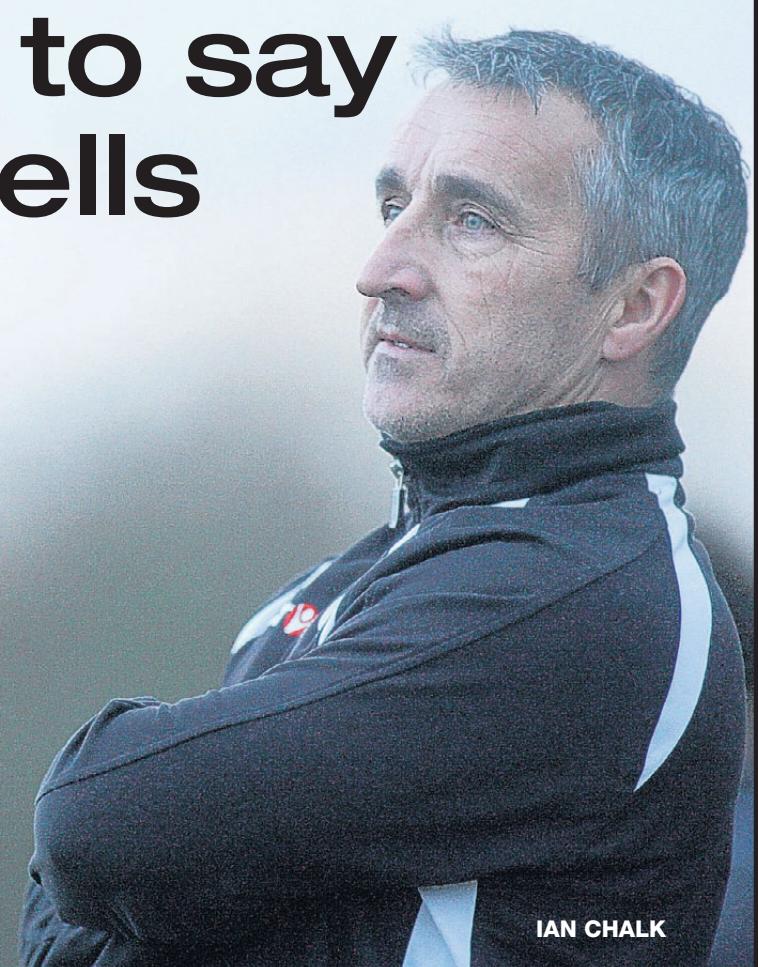
Although Chalk managed to win his penultimate league game, beating ten-man Folland Sports 3-2 in Hamble last Saturday, he was unable to lead them to the Russell Cotes Cup final.

Talismanic skipper Jack Slade put the Harlequins in front against Horndean at Five Heads Park, but the hosts levelled through Gary Austin on the hour mark and went on to win through Mark Smith.

Things combusted for Bemerton late on as Matt Palmer was shown a straight red for an alleged headbutt.

It was the Harlequins' second semi-final elimination in the space of eight days, having lost 4-2 to Petersfield Town in the last four of the Sydenhams League Cup.

Hordean will face Blackfield & Langley - 5-1 conquerors of New Milton - in the Russell Cotes Cup final (details to be announced).



IAN CHALK

MAKING BIG NOISE ABOUT THE STAGS

AFC TOTTON'S newly-formed supporters' group, The Stags Voice, want the whole of the British Isles to hear about the club.

Starting off north of the border, they have arranged a fans' friendly match against the supporters of Scottish League Two outfit Berwick Rangers in May and hope it will be the first of many links with clubs far and wide.

"We're trying to forge links with other supporters' groups and have also had some form of contact with Arbroath in Scotland and Selbourne from the League of Ireland," explained Stags Voice chairman Adi Rose.

"In a dream scenario we would one day like to have a first-team tournament between the four clubs."

"Playing at Berwick is an historic occasion for AFC Totton supporters and, at our level, we think it's quite unique."

"For many of us, this will be a rare opportuni-

ty to play at a Football League stadium and it's a chance to make new friends."

"We do aim to hold a first-team friendly with Berwick in the future and hope this is a stepping stone on the way to doing so."

Having grown up watching Saints, Rose felt priced out of the Premier League market and has fully embraced the non-League game.

"I've lived in Totton all my life and, after the FA Vase final (2007) at Wembley and all the promotions this club has had, I was astounded there wasn't a supporters' group, so I thought I'd better do it," he said.

"For me, this club has so much potential."

"We've got better facilities at the Testwood Stadium than many in the league above and maybe even the one above that and we want to get people back through the gates like they did for the FA Vase run and for the FA Cup tie against Bristol Rovers."

"There are around 330,000 living in the radius

of the ground and we desperately need to tap into that by spreading the name of the club."

"I've got friends living locally who don't even know what division we're in, so we're trying to do poster campaigns in the town and strike up links with the local community."

"We've had a couple of business putting up 'We support AFC Totton' posters. We want to bring the visibility of the club back to the town."

The Stags Voice are looking to take a minimum party of 15 to Berwick on the weekend of May 16/17. Return flights from Southampton to Newcastle are £75 and it's £32 from Newcastle to Berwick by train. There is a Travelodge in Berwick offering rooms from £37 a night, while B&Bs are slightly cheaper.

To find out more about The Stags Voice and be part of this historic adventure contact Adi Rose on 07551 005849 or Sean McGleod on 07757 602931. There is also a Facebook page - facebook.com/thestagsvoice.

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FROM WESSEX LEAGUE TO THE PREMIER...

PETERSFIELD Town midfielder Ed Dryden is on his way from the Wessex to the Premier League.

Having impressed on trial with Mark Hughes' Stoke City, the 18-year-old has signed a 15-month contract with the Potters and is moving with immediate effect, **writes WENDY GEE**

Although disappointed to lose a key cog in his Sydenhams Premier League Cup/Portsmouth Senior Cup treble-chasing machine, Rams boss Ian Saunders is delighted for Dryden.

He said: "I'm really pleased for the lad. Stoke have been very impressed with him and that reflects well on both his family and our football club."

"He has played superbly for us all season and it is no surprise he has attracted the attentions of, not just Stoke City, but a whole host of clubs who have watched him."

"This is a fantastic opportunity for Ed and I have every confidence in him that he will go up there and be a success at Stoke."

"He came into our club last season and played for the youth team and reserves, gaining some valuable experience as he moved up through the ranks to the fringes of the first-team squad."

"He made his first-team debut in the FA Cup in August and hasn't looked back since."

"It shows the kind of players we are attracting to Petersfield and we have plenty more young, talented players who have the ability to come through and attract the attention of bigger clubs."

"It also shows players that clubs from the very top league in the English game are looking at this level of football for players, so if things have not worked out at another club young players should consider playing in the Wessex League, gaining experience and catching the attention of a pro club to earn their



Petersfield Town reserve team manager Jamie Steeves, Ed Dryden, first team manager Ian Saunders and assistant manager Jason Hampson

move back up the levels."

Dryden spent a week on trial with Stoke and made three appearances for their under-18 side against Derby County, Everton and Bolton Wanderers.

During his youth football days, the teenager had a trial with Premier League leaders Chelsea and has also been on the books of Aldershot Town.

Speaking about his move, Dryden said: "It's all happened in a bit of a whirlwind it feels like to me - I'm still surprised it is all happening,

but it is very exciting to be joining Stoke City."

"After my trial at Chelsea and my time at Aldershot I'd forgotten really about having a career as a professional footballer, but it is all coming back to me now and it is really exciting."

Details of what Petersfield Town will receive in return for the transfer are still to be announced.

Dryden added: "I've enjoyed all of my time at Petersfield Town. Working my way up through the youth team and reserves last sea-



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City hold U16 trials

WINCHESTER City will be shortly be holding trials for their under-16 team for next season.

The side will play in the City of Southampton Youth League and be coached and run by Ryan Andress.

The first trial date is Thursday, April 16, starting at 9am and finishing around 12 noon, at Winchester's Denplan City Ground.

There has already been much interest, so to book a place please call Ryan on 07891 245839 or email him at ryanandress@hotmail.co.uk

More trial dates will be announced shortly, but it's never too soon to register interest with Ryan or phone him for more information.

Haysom at Hammers

FAMILIAR face Dan Haysom has re-signed for Hamworthy United for the remainder of the Sydenhams Premier Division campaign.

Defender Haysom initially played for Wimborne Town before first signing for the Hammers in 2010.

Aside from a brief spell at Christchurch earlier this season, he has spent the best part of the last four years at The County Ground.

Pearce is chairman

COMMITTEE member Steve Pearce has been named as new chairman of Sydenhams One club Amesbury Town.

He will replace Jason Cameron at the start of the 2015/16 season.

Sholing add loanee to away squad

SHOLING have welcomed a new loan signing into their Evo-Stik Southern One South & West squad.

Versatile forward/wideman Lewis Blackmore - a former Wales under-16 international - was expected to be included in the travelling party for today's trip to Tiverton after a successful midweek reserve team run-out for the Boatmen.

Blackmore's parent club Gosport Borough only recently signed the

former AFC Bournemouth academy winger following his return from a seven-month stint in America. Prior to going to the States, he played for Basley and Weymouth.

Sholing boss Dave Diaper said: "Lewis can play up front, at the top of a diamond or on the left or right. He's quite versatile."

"I watched him play for our reserves on Wednesday and he did

well. I asked if he could be played up top in the first half and just behind the frontman in the second half."

"He's not the biggest, but he's quite strong and I think he's a player who will go places. He's a really lovely lad and a great character."

Before signing a deal for Weymouth in May last year, Blackmore (pictured right) took a slightly different approach to find-

ing a club.

He showcased his skills online by putting a short clip of his highlights on YouTube.

He said at the time: "With the modern day, it's now all about social networking and what you can do. I managed to know someone who could arrange to get a video put up. Off my own bat, I got it out there to see what would happen really."



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Claridge in pledge to build pride

THE campaign to get Salisbury Football Club back into the Raymond McEnhill Stadium has come up trumps – and now manager Steve Claridge has pledged to build them “a team they can be proud of.”

Board members have struck a deal with the ground’s trustees and are urgently working to finalise the terms and conditions of the lease.

March 31 is the deadline day for making an official application to the Football Association, stating where they will play football next season and including a business plan for the club’s return to the non-League pyramid.

If things go well, the phoenix club, which has risen from the ashes of the old Salisbury City FC, will play their first competitive game after a 16-month exile.

The welcome news owes much to the tireless work of fans who pledged their support to the newly-formed club by launching a ‘Save Our Stadium’ petition which racked up more than 6,000 signatures, with Salisbury MP John Glen and Wiltshire Council leader Jane Scott supporting the cause.

Pro footballer-turned-TV pundit Claridge (right), who is part owner and manager of the new club, said: “It’s fantastic to be back in the Ray Mac.”

“This is the result of a lot of hard work by the new board, supportive politicians and the fans who have campaigned so hard on our behalf.”

“It means we can go to the FA by the March 31 deadline and tell them we have somewhere with excellent facilities to play next season, which can only improve our chances of getting back in the non-league pyramid at a good level.”

“It’s only the beginning though. We won’t know for a while which league we are going to be put in, so recruiting players will be difficult for some time.”

“There is a variation of two or three levels we could be in at, so that will make a big difference to all sorts of things such as wage bills and the quality of player we can attract.”

“What I can tell people is that I will be looking to build them a team they can be proud of at whatever level.”

A club spokesman added: “We would like to thank the trustees for effecting our return to the Ray Mac, which they have agreed after satisfying their own responsibilities towards the beneficiaries by taking the professional advice, which they were duty-bound to do.”

“We now look forward to getting back into the Ray Mac in the very near future and making an immediate start on getting the club up and running properly.”



Brown's set to give Town promotion run-in boost

JAMIE Brown is set to give Basingstoke Town a timely boost in the Conference South promotion run-in.

The no-nonsense former Dorchester, Eastleigh and Gosport Borough midfielder has been out since January after undergoing a groin operation.

But Southampton-based Brown was due to take part in a full training session this week and, given his history of putting his body on the line for the sake of the cause, could still have a significant role to play for the promotion-hungry north Hampshire club.

Even without Brown, there was no knocking Basingstoke’s fighting spirit as they dug out a last-gasp 2-1 victory over Weston-super-Mare at the Camrose Ground on Tuesday.

Town hit the woodwork twice in the early stages and it looked as if it might not be their night when Weston led by a 19th-minute Jamie Lucas strike at half-time.

An own goal levelled matters on the hour before Liam Enver-Marum became the third home player to rattle the woodwork soon afterwards.

But persistence paid off for Basingstoke as they grabbed an 89th-minute winner. Chris Flood beat a couple of men before

finding Enver-Marum just inside the area.

The quick-thinking striker shot early, turning and firing into the far corner in one movement.

“Once again we had many chances throughout the game, but the post, cross-bar, goalkeeper and some last-ditch defending looked set to frustrate us,” said Town boss Jason Bristow.

“Then we did get a bit of luck with an own goal and credit to the players for remaining patient to conjure up one last chance in the last minute, which was expertly taken by Liam Enver-Marum.

“The squad is almost back to full strength and we are looking in good shape. We have versatility throughout the side and great strength in depth.”

The result kept Basingstoke third, six points behind leaders Bromley who marched on with a 5-0 home win over Farnborough. Two ex-Eastleigh players – Jamie Slabber (2) and Moses Ademola – were on target for Mark Goldberg’s men.

Basingstoke were today due to visit promotion rivals Whitehawk who include former Camrose favourite Sergio Torres in their squad and this week announced the signing of defender Jordan Rose from Lymington Town.



JAMIE BROWN

Cuss won't blame penalty decisions

MANAGER Steve Cuss refused to blame a pair of controversial penalty decisions for Wimborne Town’s 2-0 Southern One South & West defeat at Mangotsfield United last weekend.

A first-half header from Lewis Powell and Neil Arndale’s 70th-minute spot-kick sank the Magpies at Cossesham Street with visiting supporters aggrieved over the handball decision against ex-Eastleigh defender Ian Oliver that led to United’s second. Wimborne also felt hard done by

when substitute Jamie Davidson went down under the challenge of Mangos’ keeper Joe Perry in the penalty area late on, but Cuss (pictured) insisted responsibility for the defeat rested firmly with his players and not the match officials.

“Their penalty was a hard one to judge,” he admitted.

“There was no doubt the ball hit Ian’s hand, but there was

no intent on his part and we felt it would have been very difficult for him to get out of the way of it.

“Like many things in the modern game, it comes down to the referee’s interpretation.

“We felt it was a little hard but, to be honest, they had a few chances to score a second before that.

“Their keeper got away with one towards the end as well, but we could not agree that

either incident swayed the result.

“It was a disappointing performance from us against an in-form side who have recruited well in recent weeks.

“The performance levels did not match our usual standards. We were second best on the day. We could have no complaints.”

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MISSING PAIR COST BASEMENT SIDE...

IT WAS always going to be a tall order for bottom club Totton & Eling to complete a hat-trick of top-three scalps against Sydenhams Premier leaders Petersfield Town on Tuesday night.

But, following a 4-0 home defeat, Millers co-boss/chairman Andy Tipp was convinced the scoreline would not have been quite that emphatic had T&E's two promising young full-backs Callum Davies and Louis Dear been fit to play.

"Petersfield were much better than us – that's why they're top of the league," said Tipp after goals by Andy Todd (2), Dan Woodward and Warren Hunt had put paid to Totton hopes of emulating recent home slayings of Winchester

City and Moneyfields.

"But we had a few players missing and we particularly missed the two full-backs Louis and Callum.

"Petersfield have two very good wingers and, with the width they have, we needed our two full-backs out there, but unfortunately they both had niggles.

"Callum came to us from AFC Totton and Louis was with Romsey Town last season and was brought over here by (former manager) Wayne Mew.

"They're two young lads who make a big difference to us. They're both very fit and lively and they get up and down the pitch well.

"We had to play Byron Gharibian at right-back and I felt sorry for him because he's not a full-back, he's a centre-half or midfielder."

Arguably, even with a full-strength side Totton might have

struggled to keep Petersfield in check – particularly since the Rams were determined to flush two disappointing draws at Fawley and Hamworthy out of their system.

"I spoke to their manager (Ian Saunders) afterwards and he said they'd really got themselves pumped up for this one," said Tipp (right).

"They knew we'd beaten Winchester and Moneyfields here and he'd warned them that if they came here and relaxed, they would have been beaten as well.

"It helped them that Warren Hunt started, having been suspend-

ed for five games.

"We were 4-0 down at half-time and we put a load of kids on for the second half to try and keep it at that. At least we didn't give up the ghost and end up losing 8-0."

The injuries to Davies and Dear come as no great surprise to Tipp who is appalled the Millers have had nine games crammed into March.

"Nine games! It's just ridiculous," he said. "I know the fixtures secretary wants to get games played, but that many matches in one month would give any club difficulties. For us, it's even harder where we've got such a small squad."



Osman back to join Millers battle to stay up

MARK Osman, one of the most gifted 21st century players to have graced local non-League, is ready to lace up his boots again.

The twinkle-toed frontman, who lit up Wembley for AFC Totton in the 2007 FA Vase final, is coming out of retirement to aid rock-bottom Totton & Eling's Sydenhams Premier relegation fight.

Having scored in both Vase semi-final legs against Billingham Synthonia to get T&E's neighbours marching to The Arch, Osman's name is forever etched in Totton football history.

Now a family man in his early 30s, his skills have been lost to the game since calling time on his career after AFC Totton's Southern Premier play-off final defeat at Oxford City in May 2012, ending a 12-year stay with his home town club.

Osman, affectionately known as 'Osey', still lives locally and it's his friendship

with former Stags player Lee Thorne – now T&E's co-manager with chairman Andy Tipp – that persuaded him to sign Wessex forms for the Millers on Tuesday.

Welcoming Osman on board, Tipp said: "Mark is good friends with Lee and he's decided that maybe he shouldn't give up football just yet.

"He's about 31 now, which isn't exactly old, and feels he'd like to give it one last go with a local club.

"He doesn't want to go too low, he wants to play a decent standard locally and he knows a few of our lads.

"We've got good links with some of the old Totton players and it's brilliant to get Mark here because he's such a big crowd favourite.

"Fingers crossed we can get him in the squad for the (today's) game at Bemerton."



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Convincing Boro defeat

MONDAY'S 3-0 defeat at Wealdstone was enough to convince manager Alex Pike that Gosport Borough's Conference South promotion quest is as good as over.

Although the Privett Park outfit are still in sixth position with six games to play, starting at Sutton United today, Pike believes a disastrous run of three straight league defeats has cost them a place in the play-offs.

What's more, he reckons they "don't deserve" to be there following disappointing displays against Eastbourne Borough, Chelmsford and Wealdstone.

"I think our hopes have gone," he fumed.

"The pressure has started to tell on the players. It's not good enough and I'm absolutely furious."

Gosport's dip in form has coincided with a sudden goal drought from previously deadly strike duo Justin Bennett and Matt Paterson.

Between them the pair have netted 36 Conference South goals this term – 23 for Bennett and 13 for ex-Saint Paterson – but neither has found the net since the end of February.

Pike, meanwhile, has signed Horndean's Lyall Baezley as goal-keeping cover.

The former Winchester City, Farnborough and Havant & Waterlooville stopper has gathered overseas experience in recent seasons, playing for Jomo Cosmos in South Africa and Cobram Victory in Australia.

River Allen, who recently completed a one-month loan with Gosport from Plymouth Argyle, has joined Southern Premier club Truro City on loan for the rest of the season.

Duo agree new deals

HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE duo Brian Stock and Ben Swallow have agreed new deals with the Vanarama Conference South promotion chasers.

Former AFC Bournemouth and Doncaster Rovers midfielder Stock has committed himself to another two years with the Westleigh Park outfit, while winger Swallow is staying for another season.

Winchester-born Stock, who joined Havant in September after reaching the end of his contract with Premier League Burnley, explained that coming back down south had played a big part in his thinking.

He said: "I'm 33 now and it (the new contract) takes me to 35."

"I love being back down south. I turned down a couple of opportunities of a contract elsewhere because I wanted my children to be settled for the next ten years."

Stock was in influential form last Saturday as Havant moved back into the play-off places with a 3-1 home win over Wealdstone, courtesy of Scott Donnelly (2) and Brian Dutton.

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Dolphins chairman backs boss

POOLE Town vice-chairman Chris Reeves has pledged his full support for the Dolphins' under-fire boss Tom Killick.

A stunned Killick has been hit with a six-match stadium ban having admitted a charge of improper conduct during the home fixture with Redditch United on January 17.

The report levelled at him by match referee Ben Knight included "a reference to sexual orientation" according to an FA spokesman, with Killick also fined £300 and ordered to attend an educational course.

Reeves politely declined to comment on what Killick (below) was alleged to have said and, while he acknowledged it had been "inappropriate", added that there had been "a significant difference" between Killick's version of events and that of the match official.

"We're very disappointed," he said. "On the occasions when Tom does speak out of turn towards referees, it is the only area of his involvement with us in which he lets himself down.

"He has apologised profusely to the board and the players and I do think he has learned a lesson."

"We felt the sanction was particularly harsh and would have appealed, but we knew the case would not have been heard until early April. Had we not been successful, Tom would have missed the end-of-season run-in."

"There was a significant difference between Tom's version of events and the referee's but, having discussed it at length with Tom, we felt it did not serve any purpose to argue the point."

Killick, who recently took his 600th game in charge of the Dolphins, has worked wonders at Poole, leading them out of the lower league wilderness to the very top of the Evo-Stik Southern Premier Division.

Reeves added: "The good that Tom does is immense."

"He does let himself down periodically, but his positive attributes outweigh any negatives."

Speaking to The Pink's sister paper, The (Bournemouth) Daily Echo, Killick admitted: "I should know better by now than to get involved in disputes with referees, but I never expected a punishment as draconian as this."

"It's something that shouldn't have happened and I regret it. If you have done wrong, then you have to suffer the consequences."

Killick, who three years ago was given a four-match ban for insulting a referee, added: "I had said to myself that I wasn't going to get myself into any more difficulties and I have. I'm ashamed of that. But the team is a very determined group, so I don't think it will affect us too much."

Rinomhota on cusp of Reading move

ANDY Rinomhota, one of the most vibrant young talents in the Sydenhams Premier Division, is on the threshold of a move to Reading. The 17-year-old AFC Portchester attacking midfielder impressed on trial with the SkyBet Championship club and is on course to swap the Royals of Wicor Rec for the Royals of the Madejski Stadium this summer.

Portchester's director of football Mick Jenkins confirmed: "Andy will be with us until the end of this season but, as of July 1, I think he will be a Reading player."

"It's great for the kid. He's been a real find this season."

"He's come through the system at

Portchester along with Lloyd Thomas, Eliot Roberts and Joe Noakes and the funny thing is that we probably wouldn't have come across these boys had we had our full complement of players earlier in the season.

"But Joe was suspended, others were out, and now Andy's come through and hopefully he's going to get a full-time contract with a Championship club."

"He's an attacking midfielder and a real good player. The club's really happy with the progress that's been made, not just by Andy but by our other young players too."

With the exception of two seasons,



Rinomhota has been at Wicor Rec since he was seven years old and has gone from playing under the management of club stalwart Simon Woods at youth level to playing alongside him in the first team.

More recently he has had the privilege of learning his trade under Portchester's head coach Graham Rix, the former England and Arsenal star.

Talking on the club's official website (afcportchester.89media.co.uk), Rinomhota said: "I've always enjoyed playing here and each manager I've played under has supported me and I've learnt so much from all of them."

"Right through from the youth team to the first team, they've given me opportunities to progress on to the next level."

"When I was breaking into the reserves and the first team, they gradually eased me into the changes that men's football required. This really helped me as a young player."

"It's been an unbelievable experience having been coached by Graham (Rix), someone who's achieved so much at the highest level."

"Graham has helped me in every way possible and, without him, this wouldn't be happening. I've learnt so much from him."

BOWERS BOWS OUT



DANNY BOWERS

DANNY Bowers has no idea what the future holds after finally confirming his departure from Folland Sports.

Bowers was forced to hand over the reins to his trusty right-hand man Dave Lewis earlier this year due to ill health and submitted his resignation in February.

The club kept it low key, hoping he might change his mind when he was feeling better. But Bowers, one of the most enthusiastic managers on the Sydenhams Premier scene, confirmed this week that there will be no turning back.

"Dave said he would look after things for two, three or four months until I was ready to come back at the end of the season but, as time went on, I had less and less desire to return," he admitted.

"I'm looking for something different, but I don't know what it is yet. I might just go out and watch games. Maybe I'll go down and sit in hospitality at Gosport Borough and watch them."

"Whether I'll get back into football, I don't know. I'm going to wait and see what happens and, if nothing happens, so be it."

For the best part of a decade, Bowers has been the life and soul of the Follands Park party, leading them back up from Sydenhams One towards a best-ever third in the Premier Division last term.

Lewis, coach Tim Middleton, former manager/director of football Paul Cotton and, more recently, coach Darren Burdle have all been part of that success, but it appears that the entire management team is moving on.

Lewis intends taking a year's "sabbatical" at the end of this season, Middleton wants a break and club stalwart Cotton

has not been with the Planemakers officially since last year but still gets along to support the team.

Reflecting on his time at Follands Park, Bowers said: "We've signed some fantastic footballers over the years and I've worked with some great people. Committee-wise they've been fantastic."

"We've not won anything, but collectively we've achieved really good things for a club of this size and made a name for Follands. Going back eight or nine years we were holding the table up, but now it's a fully established Wessex Premier club."

Inevitably the uncertainty generated by Bowers' departure and the club's future in general has taken its toll on results with the Planemakers slipping out of title contention into eighth.

But, having worked so hard to build the club up, Bowers, now well on the mend after a spell in hospital, says he will do everything in his power to stop them sliding backwards again.

"I don't want them to become whipping boys again, I worship them too much," he said.

"I'll be in the background helping them get a new manager in. If there's any assistance I can give them, I will, but that's as far as it goes."

"If they can stay top-eight it doesn't bode too badly for when they're looking for a new manager," he added. "But they need someone who can bring players with them because people do tend to play for managers rather than clubs."

"I'll do all I can to make sure it's handed over with the least disruption possible."

"My dad, Gilly, is staying on as vice-chairman and I'm happy about that. He says he can't just let it all go."

Highly-rated Burt joins Team Solent

FOLLAND Sports have lost highly-rated centre-back Matt Burt to Sydenhams Division One leaders Team Solent.

The 19-year-old has been a loyal servant to the Planemakers and turned down overtures from Wessex Premier rivals Winchester City earlier this term.

But, as former Planemakers boss Danny Bowers pointed out, the highly-rated defender has ready-made links at

Team Solent.

"Matt worked with Kev Braybrook at the uni and James Taylor (Team Solent manager) was his teacher there," he said.

"You can't knock what Matt has done for Follands. He turned down a move to Winchester and played against Portchester with an ankle the size of a balloon because they were short of players."

Follands have been in decline results-wise since the turn of the year, but there have been reasons behind it.

Bowers himself had to bow out through illness and key players have been missing.

"Ryan Gosney, one of the best goalkeepers in this league, has missed half the season and Ryan Long hasn't been able to play midweek games because of work commitments," said Bowers.

"It breaks my heart really because we were fourth and in with a title shout not so long ago. I feel for Dave Lewis and the management team, they've had tremendously bad luck."

"I speak to Dave all the time and they've had all sorts of injuries and suspensions. It's just been one of those seasons."

"I've missed 12 games and I think they've only won one."

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Non-league Football



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



JOHN ROBSON

FOOTBALL is constantly changing – and not always for the better in the view of Blackfield & Langley boss John Robson.

Having devoted more than half a century to the game, he sees many aspects of it declining, **writes WENDY GEE**

And rather than just sit back and watch it sink, he is determined to get out, speak to people and try and make a difference.

With the help of the many contacts he has made over the years, Robson's plan is to speak to as many clubs as possible about the problems plaguing the modern game and talk through ways of addressing them.

"I've written letters to the Hampshire FA, the FA itself and the Sydenhams Wessex League explaining that I would like to go out to all the clubs and hold an open forum discussing how we can improve the game," he said.

"I'd like everyone, including match officials and the girls' and ladies' side of the game, to get their heads together and work out ways to make football better than it is at the moment."

A well-respected figure in local circles, Robson had a spell in Scotland with St Johnstone during his playing days and has coached and managed a host of clubs including Worthing, Gosport Borough, AFC Totton, Winchester City and Alton Town.

But several aspects of the modern game concern him – not least the lack of respect for referees which is filtering down from the very top.

The Premier League trend of players diving and feigning injury also concerns him as do the potential pitfalls for lower league players who, without guidance from an agent, have little idea what they are committing to when they sign a club contract.

On the question of respect, Robson said: "I

just think there is so much coverage of the game and so many bad things happening that it will filter down to this level. Before it does, let's see if we can get a little respect back into the game.

"I'd like to ask managers and players how many of them think they could referee at this level because it's not just knowing the rules of the game, it's about being able to govern every bit of the ground.

"These guys come out in all weather and then get abused for 90 minutes. We've all noticed the standard of refereeing has dropped but that's because a lot of the experienced guys have gone because of the abuse they were getting.

"This game needs to be a lot better for match officials, spectators, management and players and if we can raise the bar by ten per cent and treat referees and linesmen with more respect it would make a massive difference.

"Players diving is not a great problem at our level at the moment, but it's happening at the highest level and you can guarantee that if we do nothing to stop it they'll be ducking, diving and falling all over the place in a season or two."

With 54 years of football behind him, including time travelling Europe with Army and Combined Services teams, Robson has gathered a wealth of knowledge on the game that he would love to share.

"I'm not looking to make any financial gain from this, I would finance it myself," he said.

"I've already had a lovely letter back from the Sydenhams Wessex League and I'm waiting to hear from the Hampshire FA.

"If they give it the go-ahead, I'll be penning letters to all the clubs asking them to give me a date that suits them.

"We'll have to wait and see if we can get this off the ground, but I know enough people in the game and if we can get two or three talks with clubs going and word gets around, who knows?"

"It might just help our game at non-League level to get better."

Non-league News

Power shifts towards the Pompey area

THE longer the Sydenhams Premier Division season progresses, the more the balance of power is shifting towards the Portsmouth area.

Petersfield Town's 4-0 victory at Totton & Eling on Tuesday carried them another step closer to being crowned top-flight champions – just a year after winning Division One.

Meanwhile at Cams Alders, AFC Portchester overcame Blackfield & Langley 3-1 in the semi-final of the Sydenhams League Cup to book a May 4 final date against Petersfield at Wicor Rec (3pm).

A largely uneventful first half at Fareham was close to ending goalless when Portchester's Reading-bound midfielder Andy Rinomhota held up Nick Littleton's pass and laid it off for Rob Evans to finish from 20 yards.

The Royals added a second soon after the break with Craig Hardy sending Littleton's corner back across goal for Josh Warren to bury.

Good link-up play between ex-Blackfield targetman Jamie Musselwhite and sub Elliot Roberts set up Luke Sweeney to put Rix's men in the clear, leaving B&L with just the consolation of a late Dan Cann penalty awarded against Portchester's young goalkeeper Lloyd Thomas for blocking Dan Munday's run.

"It was a strange game. Not much happened in the first half, but we looked a bit more in control than they did and we managed to score right on half-time," reflected Portchester's director of football Mick Jenkins.

"We could have had one or two more after Luke Sweeney got our third, but then a bit of sloppy play cost us a penalty."

Looking forward to the May Bank Holiday showdown with Ian Saunders' Rams, Jenkins said: "The final's at our place now. We were desperate to get a result tonight so that we could pit our wits against Petersfield who are the likely league champions.

He added: "It was pleasing to overcome a tough Blackfield & Langley side on a bobby pitch. If we can carry on in the form we're in, it would be nice to think we could finish in the (league) top-three."

Petersfield, who had already won their League Cup semi-final 4-2 against Bemerton Heath Harlequins, kept themselves on course for the double by blitzing tail-enders Totton & Eling with four first-half goals at Miller Park.

Navy marksman Andy Todd struck twice to take his season's tally to 27, while Dan Woodward and Warren Hunt- back after a five-match ban – were also on target for the Love Lane title favourites.

If Petersfield do finish champions, it will be the first time a Portsmouth area side has lifted the top-flight crown since Gosport Borough in 2006/07. Gosport were also the last club to deliver the League Cup to the eastern end of the M27, back in 1992/93.

Arnold sympathy for coach

CHRISTCHURCH boss Adie Arnold admitted he sympathised with the frustrations of departed first-team coach Andy Darnton.

Since Southampton-based Darnton left the Sydenhams Premier strugglers by mutual consent two weeks ago, senior players Mark Smith and Gareth Barnes have been assisting with coaching duties at Hurn Bridge.

"With the changes at the helm after Mark Duffy's departure as chairman, the club decided that the future approach needed to be more local," Arnold explained.

"Darts travelled from Southampton and the club could no longer sustain this."

"I would like to put on record my thanks to Darts."

"His contribution has been immense thanks to his approach, knowledge, professionalism and experience."

"He has played at a much higher level

and, at times, he found it extremely frustrating that players couldn't commit to training and their mentality towards football."

"I do share his frustrations, but that is Wessex League football when you are a non-paying club."

Priory's quest for Sydenhams top-flight survival took a blow last Saturday when they lost 2-1 at home to Whitchurch United.

Their two elder statesmen combined to put them in front – Smith's pin-point delivery steered home by old mucker Barnes on 27 minutes.

But that lead was lost in the blink

of an eye as Tom Lockyer pulled the Jam Boys level and it went steadily downhill from there.

A moment's hesitation from converted centre-half Jack Lovell preceded Scott Hassell's well-weighted ball into Whitchurch's left channel and Danny Phillips cashed in with the visitors' 50th-minute winner.

"The game summed up our season," sighed Arnold (pictured).

"We were the better side for the first 25 minutes but, once we got our noses in front, we played with fear."

"The ball was like a hot potato. We gave it away, stopped playing and allowed them back into it."

"I would like us to show a bit more bravery because in the first 25 minutes we showed we were not a bad side."

"I think it's down to the players' personalities to a degree."

"But any neutral would have struggled to tell the difference between sixth place (Whitchurch) and third-to-bottom (Christchurch) and I could not fault our lads. They did as we asked and put in a real shift. We just need to dig out a result from somewhere."

Interim chairman Mick Ryan, meanwhile, confirmed the Christchurch committee had met to formally sanction Fiona Legg's appointment as chairperson.

In line with the club's constitution, the motion is set to be ratified at an extraordinary general meeting on March 30.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD - SEE PAGE 43

Did You Know?

ON THIS DAY, MARCH 21

1874: Queen's Park beat Clydesdale 2-0 to win the first Scottish Cup final.

1935: Brian Clough, one of the greatest managers in English football history, was born. A hugely prolific goalscorer in his playing days at Middlesbrough and Sunderland, Clough (right) went on to win league titles as manager of both Derby and Nottingham Forest. Arguably his finest managerial achievement came when he guided Forest to back-to-back European Cup wins in 1979 and 1980. He died in 2004, aged 69.



1960: Brazil's three-time Formula One world champion Ayrton Senna was born. A 41-time grand prix winner and 65-time pole-sitter, Senna (left) is regarded by



many as the greatest driver of his or any other generation. He died in a crash at the San Marino Grand Prix in 1994.

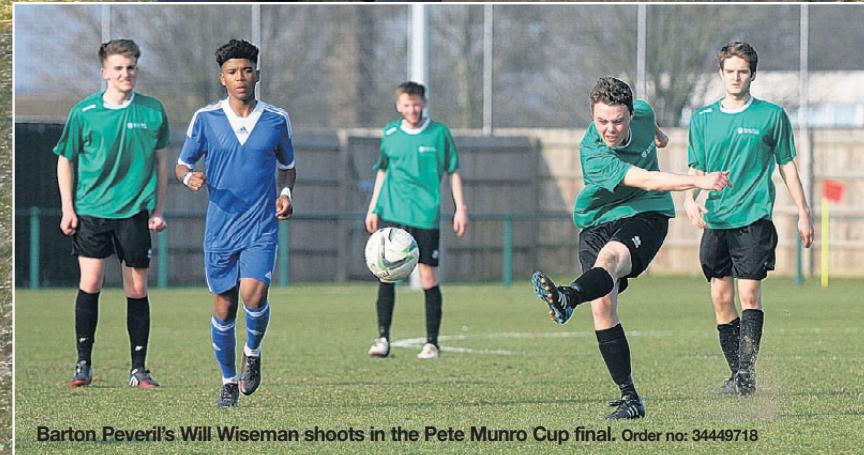
2002: West Brom were awarded three points and a 3-0 win over Sheffield United by the Football Association after the league match between the two was abandoned when the Blades were reduced to six men.



2006: Lisa Dobriskey (pictured) won a gold medal for England and Hayley Tullett the bronze for Wales in the women's 1500 metres final at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.

2013: The Football Association board unanimously approved the nomination of Greg Dyke to succeed David Bernstein as chairman. Dyke took up the post in July 2013.

BARTON END EIGHT-



Barton Peveril's Will Wiseman shoots in the Pete Munro Cup final. Order no: 34449718

BARTON Peveril College sealed their first Peter Munro Cup final win since 2007 with a 4-1 victory over final debutants Andover at Southampton Solent University's well appointed Test Park Stadium.

A brace apiece for both Sam Morris and Matt Bainbridge ensured they ended their eight-year wait without a Hampshire Sixth Form College trophy.

BP got off to a flyer on when a free-kick inside Peveril's half was lofted into the penalty area from skipper Jack



**Cup final report by
Callum Holloway**

Pearson, and Matt Bainbridge's glancing header lobbed advancing goalkeeper Patrick Cleese inside 5 minutes.

Andover found it difficult to get into the game early on and, five minutes later, were made to pay again for their slow start.

Another Pearson free-kick caused havoc in the Andover penalty area with

both goal-keeper and centre-half failing to clear their lines. Peveril striker Sam Morris made it 2-0 on the half volley from ten yards out. Two-up, Barton Peveril powered on and were creating plenty of chances inside the first 20 minutes. Bainbridge had the chance to double his goal tally but with a tricky volley, the winger sliced wide. But BP's failure to kill the game off inside the first half an hour, Andover started to grow into the game. The long throws of Andover striker Kieran Stephens were proving a constant threat to the Barton defence before pulling one back through a powerful header at the back post by Przemek Rozanski. Barton were hanging on before half-time with Andover searching desperately for an equaliser before the break.

GIRLS AND LADIES FOOTBALL NEWS - SEE PAGE 30

YEAR TROPHY WAIT



Did You Know?

Sporting birthdays

● Alvin Kallicharan (cricket) - former West Indies and Warwickshire batsman, born 1949.

● Ingrid Kristiansen (athletics) - Norwegian athlete who was world 10,000 metres champion in 1987 and set numerous long-distance world records, born 1956.

● Lothar Matthaus (soccer) - West Germany's World Cup-winning captain in 1990 who was both European and World Player of the Year in the same year, born 1961.

● Ronald Koeman (soccer), pictured below) - former Barcelona, Ajax and Holland defender, now coach of Southampton, born 1963.

● Ieuan Evans (rugby union) - former Wales captain, born 1964.



● Matthew Maynard (cricket) - former Glamorgan and England batsman and current Somerset director of cricket, born 1966.

● Mark Williams (snooker) - two-time world champion and first left-handed player to win title, born 1975.

● Ronaldinho (soccer) - former Brazil playmaker and World Cup winner in 2002, now with Queretaro in Mexico, born 1980.

● Colin Turkington (motor racing) - 2009 British Touring Car champion, born 1982.

● Adrian Peterson (gridiron) - Minnesota Vikings running-back who holds the NFL record for the most rushing yards (296) in a single game, born 1985.

● Lee Cattermole (soccer) - Sunderland midfielder, born 1988.

● Jordi Alba (soccer) - Barcelona and Spain left-back, born 1989.

● Jade Jones (taekwondo) - British gold medal winner in the 57 kilogram category at the London 2012 Olympics, born 1993.

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT SPORTS AWARDS - SEE PAGES 40-43

Braishfield 1
Tidworth Tornados 1

BRAISHFIELD started the day at Bishops Waltham with three wins out of three from the first phase held back in October to sit top of the table.

Tommy Tubb just failed to find the net when a low cross fizzed across the box but made no mistake shortly after to put the Bees 1-0 up.

The Bees gained confidence and looked in complete control, though still looked shaky at the back despite Tidworth rarely threatening Jimmy Palfrey's goal.

However, a corner for the Tornados saw the Bees fail to clear their area and as the ball dropped to the Tornados striker who tucked home.

Braishfield Bees 2
Fordingbridge Tigers 2

Henry Gray was dominant on the left-side of defence and linked up well with Payne as the Bees looked to get on top.

The Bees were playing some good football and took a deserved lead through Payne after the impressive Turks keeper had denied Tubb and Osborne.

Turks battled back, though, and scored twice in quick succession.

Lindley switched to left-midfield and had an immediate impact as he saw plenty of the ball, scoring a leveller.

Braishfield Bees 0
Lyndhurst 0

Despite failing to get a victory on the day, the Bees remain unbeaten, and just a point behind Barton Stacey who now top the table, and who will be one of their opponents in the final phase on April 25.

Winsor U8 v
Romsey Town Cougars U8

Cougars looked very lively from the start.

Freddie Wetherall and Alfie Mellor combined in the midfield and forced back their Winsor counter-parts.

Sam Haylor's pace caused problems for the defence, and came closest to opening the scoring with a thundering effort from outside the penalty area which hit the bar.

Josh Hiltferty looked assured in the Cougars defence.

In the second half, Winsor began to come more into the match but Aimee Gritt scored on her first appearance for Romsey.

Romsey Town Panthers
U12's 2 Oakwood Saints 0

Panthers inflicted a first defeat of the season on the Saints.

Oakwood piled on the pressure from the kick off, but with Dan Olden controlling the midfield and Hayden Green closing them down in defence, the Panthers made it difficult for them.

Louis Blomberg-Smith's corner was headed wide by Joe Lindsey, before Reo Gordon also shot wide.

The resulting goal kick was intercepted by Joe Lindsey and Stan Lawrence-Wickens latched on to his cross and scored a great goal.

Oakwood were disappointed not to convert after forcing three corners on the trot.

Lawrence-Wickens flicked the ball to Lindsey who made it 2-0 just before half time.

Hampshire Colleges Cup finals



Barton Peveril 1st XI celebrate winning the Pete Munro Cup final at Test Park.
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Two goal Tom Tuckey (right) and Ben Rouse (left) scored in Barton Peveril's 3-0 Second XI Cup final win over Brockenhurst



Sam Morris (left) and Matt Bainbridge (right) who scored two goals each in Barton Peveril's 4-1 Peter Munro Cup final win over Andover.



Barton Peveril 2nd XI Cup winners: Back (from left): Dan Jones (coach), Hew Richards, Ben Atkinson, Henry Wilkinson, Ryan Hamlett, Tom Tuckey, Jake Richardson, Riley Curry, Jamie Barnes. Front: Aiden Cook, Sam Gittner, Ben Taylor, Ben Rouse, Jack Wilson, Chris Stevenson, Dan Hamilton-Lea.

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Hampshire Colleges Cup finals



A Jamie Woolfenden header and a cracking second goal by Sam Walsh secured a 2-0 win for Andover's second team over King Edward VI School in the Third XI Cup final at Test Park. Andover's opener followed a free-kick by Macaulay Wood, while the clincher came from a sizzling shot into the bottom corner by Walsh. KES had their spells in the second period, but seldom looked like trimming Andover's two-goal advantage. Order no: 34449746



KING EDWARD VI, beaten Third XI Cup finalists. Back (from left): Sam Gibson, Elliott D'Souza, Caspar Larcombe, Ricci Barnard, Matt Wear, Anash Croker, Joe Macklin, Dan Stephens, Hammy Kavanagh. Front: Ryan Seed, Tom Holden-Dye, Jordan Sheath, Will Scullard, Nick Cooper, Harrison Mancey.



BROCKENHURST, beaten Second XI cup finalists. Back (from left): Leon Scott (Head Coach), Guy Johnson, Harvey Slade, Guy Janes, Michael Edgar, Mikell Carrington, Elliot Pearce, Eavis, Sam Jackson, Toby Cuss, Sam Kelly. Front: George Pooley, Dom Panesar-Dower, Ollie Harris (Captain), Barnaby Turner, Blessings Chimbanda.

Barton Peveril's Will Wiseman, below, celebrates his side's win against Andover in the Pete Munro Cup final. Order no: 34448136



Romsey Town Cougars U8 v Winsor U8

The return match saw the Cougars start confidently.

Freddie and Luke tackled hard to keep the possession for the Cougars and linked well with Ben, who was making clever runs through the defence.

The pressure paid off as Ben slotted home from a through pas.

In the second half Aimee took control of the mid-field, battling hard to both win possession and link the play with Alfie. Luke kept things tight at the back.

Romsey U15 Cougars 1 Bitterne 0

Romsey went into their last game of the season already crowned champions.

The first half was very tight with neither team creating any clear chances. The second half was a very different affair with Romsey taking total control, but it took until 15 minutes from time for Oliver Jenkins to score.

Romsey Town Panthers U7 v Winsor U7

Romsey started brightly, playing fantastic passing football and creating lots of chances.

Jack Wilton took the gloves for the first game with some great one to one saves.

Romsey were strong in defence with Liam Barnes putting in a man of the match performance.

Adam Sadler shone in midfield, demonstrating some fine dribbling and finishing skills, and Harvey Dillworth won numerous tackles in midfield.

Joe Mallon showed his versatility by defending confidently and then switching position to create chances.

Josh Jupp proved himself a fantastic team player, playing in a range of positions and passing skilfully.

Winsor U7 v Romsey Town Panthers U7

Harvey Dillworth showed his versatility by taking over in goal in the second game with some spectacular saves.

Romsey got off to a brilliant start, dominating straight from the kick off, and the U7 Panthers continued with their brilliant passing skills.

Mitchell Gorman showed excellent defending skills winning many tackles and pushing Romsey forward.

Joe Mallon impressed with his excellent passing skills and Josh Jupp was tireless in his tackling. Liam Barnes put in great defensive work, and Adam Sadler proved dominant in midfield and won many tackles.

Wellow Youth U13 3 Baddesley U13 0

WELLOW'S final home game of the season ended with victory.

The game was played in good spirit by both teams and it was Wellow that took the lead when Conner Bennett slotted home neatly.

The home team continued the pressure in the second period and were rewarded with a penalty converted by Oliver Dunne.

Baddesley had chances but the defence of James Cooper, Jamie Ball, Sonny Ryan and Billy Brown looked comfortably in control and George Griffiths kept a clean sheet.

Joshua Harwood finished the game with a goal almost from the last kick which was just reward for all his efforts earlier.

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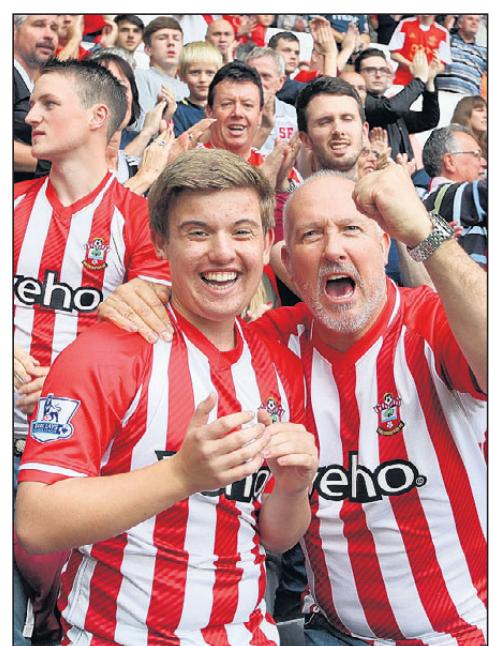
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NEW FOREST GIRLS' FOOTBALL FESTIVAL - SEE PAGES 44-45



Winchester Fliers U14 Girls 2, Romsey U13 Girls 1

Romsey started brightly against an older, more experienced team with several attempts on goal and narrow misses during the first ten minutes from Sienna Arney, Ella Hammick and Izzy Knighton.

In the 12th minute a great stop from Keeper Martha Nelson kept the scoreline neutral but Winchester Fliers were to go on top with their first goal some minutes later. Unbowed Romsey continued to play good passing football and pushed forward with great runs from Helena Wreford and Zara Vincent.

The reward was a penalty in the 27th minute for a foul on Helena Wreford, enabling Lauren Hodder to equalise for Romsey.

Romsey were unlucky following two shots on target in close succession in the 34th minute to enter half time with a score draw.

The second half saw a composed Winchester Fliers assume more ball possession and threaten the Romsey goal more consistently. In a close run game, Romsey did well to contain Winchester's forward line and whilst a second goal for Winchester ultimately came resulting in a Winchester 2:1 win, the result could easily have gone either way.

Gosport A U13 Girls 1
Romsey TY 8

A RESOUNDING win for Romsey Girls U13 team who dominated throughout.

Romsey looked dangerous from the start with the first goal coming in the sixth minute from Lauren Hodder, assisted by Becca Wyatt following great passing around the box. A sustained period of Romsey possession followed, and it was against the run of play that Gosport secured an equaliser with a tap in from a corner in the 20th minute. Romsey's response was two quality goals from Sienna Arney during the last 15 minutes of the first half, leaving Romsey comfortably 3:1 up at half time.

The second half saw Romsey's dominance continue, with the Romsey defence of Lily Roberts, Mia Mateer and Charlotte White largely containing Gosport's attacking moves to around the half way line, and substitute Keeper Daisy Nelson skilfully deflecting Gosport's one good chance with her right foot.

A further four Romsey goals were fired home by an in form Sienna Arney, who received great service throughout from Helena Wreford, Emily Anderson and other team mates.

A fifth goal, making eight for Romsey in total was deftly delivered by Beth Maxwell.

Still more potential goals threatened with Lauren Hodder going close on several occasions only to be denied by the keeper.

An ebullient victory which leaves Romsey flying high in the Southampton and District Girls Football League with one game remaining this season.

Saints girls sides lift trophies at two age levels

Ladies lift the cup...



A last-gasp winner from Jennifer King gave Saints Under 13s the Hampshire Under-14s Cup.

King got the final touch after a goalmouth scramble, her second goal of the final, to give the under-13s a 2-1 victory over Portsmouth Under 14s on a bitterly cold day at Winklebury.

Portsmouth had beaten Saints in the first league match of the season but Saints won a League Cup tie.

Portsmouth started the stronger and Grace Jenman was called on to make two early saves.

Emily Gook, Sian Bradbeer, Manisha Kaur and Hannah Burroughs were tested to the limit in defence.

Eventually Alicia Hill's strength brought Saints their first corners but Pompey defended well and after 15 minutes a superb shot gave Grace Jenman no chance.

This seemed to lift Saints and Beth Turner just failed to head Saints level from another corner, while Imogen Twigt and Lisa Gilham both went close with free kicks.

It was very physical from the start but the girls stood their ground and were really supporting each other all over the field.

Megan Theobalds came on for Manisha Kaur and showed real skill and tenacity.

Finally, the relentless hard work from Kia Anteney and King paid off when Lisa Gilham took a corner that enabled King to level.

Both teams came out fighting in the second half, Anteney went close twice and Turner and Gilham were



CUP HOLDERS: Saints U13s with their trophies and, above, Southampton Saints G&L

working hard down the wings with support from Alicia Hill and Twigt.

There was no quarter given in midfield with King and Anteney helping Kaur, Gook and Hannah Burroughs when needed and Sian Bradbeer was outstanding against a very skilful Portsmouth attack.

More shots from Anteney went close but penalties were looming before to King's dramatic decider.

**Southampton Saints G&L FC 4
New Forest 0**

Southampton Saints Ladies saw off a resilient New Forest Ladies to win the Southampton Divisional FA Women's Challenge Cup for the fourth year running.

The first 20 minutes were a cagey affair with New Forest's long ball to the dangerous Sheree Bell-Jack causing Saints' back four concerns.

Soon after, Saints were in front and there was to be no way back for New Forest.

Catherine Browning, from the edge of the area, curled the ball left footed past the despairing dive of Lou Worsfold.

It was Browning again on the scoresheet with a deft header just inside the far post.

Saints were on the up now and Browning now turned provider, laying the ball edge of area for Jess Lewry to strike a superb shot top left to put Saints 3-0 up at the break.

The game was all but over on 58 minutes as Browning deservedly got her third and Saints' fourth.

Saints made a change with Becki Bath replacing Lib Pritchard on 60 mins, shortly followed by the introduction of Jemma Tewksbury for the hard-working Emma Whitlock.

Tewksbury went close with a sweet volley and Shez Palk caused problems down the left.

Saints captain Krystal Whyte lifted the Cup in front of a sizable crowd at Solent University's Test Park.

Southampton FA awarded Catherine Browning the player of the match award.

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Sunday Football

High flyers Hamble maintain record

Hamble Roll Call maintained their 100 per cent win record in the City of Southampton Sunday league Senior Division this weekend, at the expense of Aldermoor United. Roll Call striker Ben Knellar put

five past the Aldermoor United keeper in a resounding 16-0 victory, keeping Hamble at the top of the Senior division. Two goals each from Ricky Bull, Rickii Sibley and Kevin Hayter meant that Aldermoor

stayed at the foot of the table and without a point this season.

Elsewhere, fellow title challengers AFC Bursledon were held to a 2-2 draw away at mid table side Bush Hill and Newton

Heath.

Martin Randall, in his first game back from injury, scored in each half for Bush Hill. Darren Nutbeen and Andrew Powell each grabbed a goal in reply for Bursledon.

WANDERERS WIN SETS UP FINAL WITH GLEN

JUNIOR Division Two side Boyatt Wood Wanderers booked their place in the final of the Southampton Divisional Junior 'A' Cup with a 3-1 win over Division One side Chamberlayne Athletic.

Warren Applegate, Clint Nash and Craig Phillips each got themselves on the score sheet while Louis Lemessier scored for Chamberlayne Athletic, writes **CALLUM HOLLOWAY**

Boyatt Wood Wanderers will come up against Glen in the final after they came through a 4-3 thrilling contest against AFC Waterside.

Glen went in at the break trailing 2-1 thanks to goals from Aiden Reidy(2) and Sam Bessant.

However, a brace from Jake Voller and a goal each from Craig Shellard and Sam Burrows meant Glen advanced to the final where they will face lower league opposition Boyatt Wood Wanderers.

In other cup competitions, Junior Division six side J.S.C. let a 2-1 half time lead slip to Division seven side AFC Waterside resulting in a 3-2 defeat to the lower league opposition in the Charlie Godden Trophy quarter final.

Michael Baker, Dean Lamb and Josh Munroe all scored to see Waterside into the semi finals.



SCORER: Craig Phillips (right) got on the scoresheet for Boyatt Wood

Shah brace dents Rovers' title hopes



AKBAR SHAH

LANDGUARD Rovers' Junior Division 1 title push took a setback this weekend at the hands of RS Ocean Village.

Rovers took the lead through James King after only a minute and 40 seconds however an Akbar Shah brace and goals from John Longman and Louis Cassim sealed the win for RS Ocean Village.

Elsewhere in the division, Ice House kept up their good run of form with a 10-4 victory at home

to AFC Portswod.

A hat-trick from Kev Cutter and an Andy Longland double, aided towards a convincing victory keeping them at the top of the table.

Eric Makate scored two goals in reply but proved little more than consolation goals.

A midtable clash between AFC Riverside and Sky Blue ended in a 3-1 win for the away side.

Kieran Palmer, Brad Snelling and Chris Flood each grabbed a

goal with Ted Aplin scoring in reply for Riverside.

Only one game took place from the Junior Division 2 this weekend, where Hamble Roll Call reserves kept up the pressure on Itchen Saints at the top of the table beating Phoneix AFC 4-1.

Craig Lyons scored two, alongside goals from Amish Morjaria and Pete McColm putting the Roll Call reserve side level on points with Itchen Saints at the top of the table.

Bishops score five at expense of Fleming

With the top 3 out of action this weekend, Bishops set out to impress as they put five past Fleming Sports in the City of Southampton Sunday League Junior Division 3, making it four wins in their last four matches.

Five different goalscorers contributed for Bishops with Louie Dutfield, Max Beebe, Philip Hunt, William Harley and Jordan Ayles leaving Fleming sports level on points with bottom of the table side Chartwell Green Reserves, who held AFC Velmore, thanks to a first-half double from Lee Bore.

Alex Waldron and Ash Hibberd replied for Velmore in a 2-2 draw.

Elsewhere AFC Bishopstoke were victorious over Young Boys 93/94 winning 4-2 in this mid table clash.

In Junior Division 4, there was a rare goalless draw between Carnival U.K. and King George.

James Erskine was on target for Eastpoint as they beat Royal Marine 1-0 whilst at the top of the table, a 2-2 draw between Shelfside and Marchwood Rangers.

Sholing Monks kept up their hot pursuit of Dorchester Arms in Division 5 with an 8-0 thrashing of Itchen Albion with two hattricks from Jason Long and Steve Gulliver.

Dorchester Arms, meanwhile, beat midtable side Burridge in a 3-0 win where Bradley Dalton, Joe Crist and Kieran Hine were on the scoresheet. Portswood United beat St Minions 7-1 with four goals shared evenly between Matt Giles and Joe Watts.

Division 6 saw Mottisfont comprehensively beat Sporting Compass with a four-goal salvo from Matt Bosanquet in a 6-0 win.

AFC Spitfire overcame fellow midtable side Unity in a 2-1 win, while Fawley put five past third-placed Netley Royals including a brace from Sean Auger.

A vital result for Bannister Park towards the bottom of the table occurred when they overcame bottom side AFC Phoenix 3-1.

Two penalties, from both George Clouder and David Court, and a goal from James Meredith sealed the win. Chamberlayne Athletic reserves picked up an important three points away at AFC Bishopstoke Reserves in Division seven.

Ricky Aldworth and Lloyd Treadgold scored in a 2-1 win.

In the only other game to take place, Lyndhurst J.F.C. overcame Dorchester Manor 2-0, Craig Stickland getting amongst the goals.

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

Blazing a trail for the class of 2015

HAMPSHIRE Cricket are celebrating after three of their youngsters were chosen for the forthcoming England under-19 tour of Australia.

Captain Joe Weatherley will be joined by Mason Crane and Brad Taylor.

And when the teen trio take the field in Perth, they will complete an entire team of Ageas Bowl bred youngsters to wear England Under-19 colours.

Four of them are wicketkeepers.

The Hampshire XI: Tom Alsop, Tom Barber, Michael Bates, Danny Briggs, Mason Crane, Lewis McManus, Adam Rouse, Brad Taylor, James Vince, Joe Weatherley.

"That really is something for Hampshire to be proud of," beamed Hampshire's Academy manager Bobby Parks.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks back at previous England under-19 teams and how much the players achieved in the first class game.

1974

Nigel Briers: The Leicestershire batsman made almost 400 first class appearances in a career spanning 1971-1995 at Grace Road, scoring over 18,700 first class runs in the process.

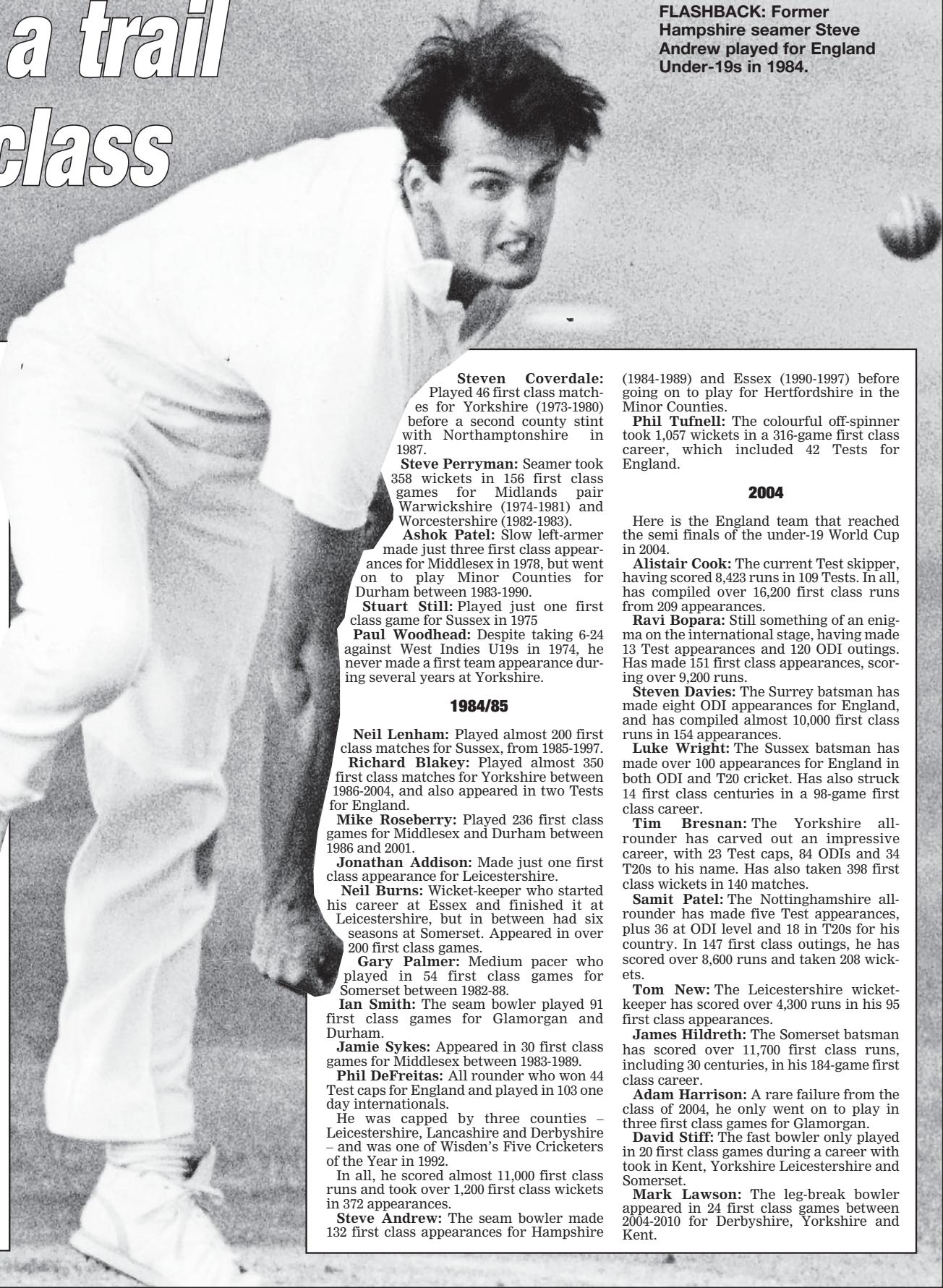
Neil Hartley: Played 142 first class games for Yorkshire between 1978-1988.

Richard Williams: The Welsh-born batsman made 286 first class appearances for Northamptonshire between 1974-1992, scoring almost 12,000 runs.

Vic Marks: The off-spinning Somerset all rounder played 342 first class games for the county between 1975-1989, including six Tests. Also played in 34 ODIs, with a best of 5-20.

Chris Cowdrey: Played 299 first class games for Kent between 1976-1991, before ending his career at Glamorgan. Played six Tests, including one as captain against the West Indies in 1988.

Mike Gatting: Enjoyed a phenomenal career, spanning over two decades with Middlesex between 1975-1998, which produced over 36,500 first class runs from 551 appearances. Also played 551 limited overs games, resulting in almost 14,500 runs.



FLASHBACK: Former Hampshire seamer Steve Andrew played for England Under-19s in 1984.

Steven Coverdale: Played 46 first class matches for Yorkshire (1973-1980) before a second county stint with Northamptonshire in 1987.

Steve Perryman: Seamer took 358 wickets in 156 first class games for Midlands pair Warwickshire (1974-1981) and Worcestershire (1982-1983).

Ashok Patel: Slow left-armer made just three first class appearances for Middlesex in 1978, but went on to play Minor Counties for Durham between 1983-1990.

Stuart Still: Played just one first class game for Sussex in 1975.

Paul Woodhead: Despite taking 6-24 against West Indies U19s in 1974, he never made a first team appearance during several years at Yorkshire.

1984/85

Neil Lenham: Played almost 200 first class matches for Sussex, from 1985-1997.

Richard Blakey: Played almost 350 first class matches for Yorkshire between 1986-2004, and also appeared in two Tests for England.

Mike Roseberry: Played 236 first class games for Middlesex and Durham between 1986 and 2001.

Jonathan Addison: Made just one first class appearance for Leicestershire.

Neil Burns: Wicket-keeper who started his career at Essex and finished it at Leicestershire, but in between had six seasons at Somerset. Appeared in over 200 first class games.

Gary Palmer: Medium pacer who played in 54 first class games for Somerset between 1982-88.

Ian Smith: The seam bowler played 91 first class games for Glamorgan and Durham.

Jamie Sykes: Appeared in 30 first class games for Middlesex between 1983-1989.

Phil DeFreitas: All rounder who won 44 Test caps for England and played in 103 one day internationals.

He was capped by three counties - Leicestershire, Lancashire and Derbyshire - and was one of Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Year in 1992.

In all, he scored almost 11,000 first class runs and took over 1,200 first class wickets in 372 appearances.

Steve Andrew: The seam bowler made 132 first class appearances for Hampshire

(1984-1989) and Essex (1990-1997) before going on to play for Hertfordshire in the Minor Counties.

Phil Tufnell: The colourful off-spinner took 1,057 wickets in a 316-game first class career, which included 42 Tests for England.

2004

Here is the England team that reached the semi finals of the under-19 World Cup in 2004.

Alastair Cook: The current Test skipper, having scored 8,423 runs in 109 Tests. In all, has compiled over 16,200 first class runs from 209 appearances.

Ravi Bopara: Still something of an enigma on the international stage, having made 13 Test appearances and 120 ODI outings. Has made 151 first class appearances, scoring over 9,200 runs.

Steven Davies: The Surrey batsman has made eight ODI appearances for England, and has compiled almost 10,000 first class runs in 154 appearances.

Luke Wright: The Sussex batsman has made over 100 appearances for England in both ODI and T20 cricket. Has also struck 14 first class centuries in a 98-game first class career.

Tim Bresnan: The Yorkshire all-rounder has carved out an impressive career, with 23 Test caps, 84 ODIs and 34 T20s to his name. Has also taken 398 first class wickets in 140 matches.

Samit Patel: The Nottinghamshire all-rounder has made five Test appearances, plus 36 at ODI level and 18 in T20s for his country. In 147 first class outings, he has scored over 8,600 runs and taken 208 wickets.

Tom New: The Leicestershire wicket-keeper has scored over 4,300 runs in his 95 first class appearances.

James Hildreth: The Somerset batsman has scored over 11,700 first class runs, including 30 centuries, in his 184-game first class career.

Adam Harrison: A rare failure from the class of 2004, he only went on to play in three first class games for Glamorgan.

David Stiff: The fast bowler only played in 20 first class games during a career with took in Kent, Yorkshire, Leicestershire and Somerset.

Mark Lawson: The leg-break bowler appeared in 24 first class games between 2004-2010 for Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Kent.

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

Did You Know?

PIETERSEN HIGHS AND LOWS

FORMER Hampshire batsman Kevin Pietersen still hopes to play for England again.

Here, the *Sports Pink* recalls the highs and lows of the controversial player's international career:

FIVE HIGHS

The Oval, 2005:



Pietersen's maiden Test series, the Ashes no less, was a personal and collective triumph that gripped the nation. He had already earned his elevation with a string of one-day international hundreds in a cauldron atmosphere in his native South Africa; then, after batting well throughout the summer and when England so badly needed a big performance with the urn in the balance, he saved the day with a brilliant counter-attacking 158 in the final Test.

The Caribbean, 2010: England have still won just one global trophy, in 20 years of trying – and Pietersen was key to their success at the ICC World Twenty20. He was named player-of-the-tournament after Paul Collingwood's team beat Australia in the Kensington Oval final.

Ashes 2010/11: Another defining achievement, and Pietersen more than played his part in England's 3-1 series win. Injured for much of the home victory in 2009, he was back to hit a double-century in the second Test in Adelaide as England beat their hosts by an innings – one of the cornerstones of glory to follow.

Headingly, 2012: Pietersen himself rates his century in the stifling heat of Colombo four months earlier as his very best. He was often at the height of his powers at any rate, on the pitch, in 2012 – and his destruction of South Africa's outstanding pace attack in Leeds had to be seen to be believed.

Mumbai, 2012: His 186 in the second Test, dominating a wonderful stand with his captain Alastair Cook, was a master class. Pietersen tamed India's spinners on a pitch tailored for them as England levelled at 1-1 on the way to a first series success in India for almost 28 years.

FIVE LOWS

Ashes 2006/07: England went Down Under with hopes high for a second successive Ashes series win, and first in a generation in Australia. They left 5-0 losers, demoralised on their way to that winter's World Cup. Pietersen batted well, including a big hundred in Adelaide, but he could not stem the tide of whitewash defeat.

2008/09, Peter Moores: Captain and coach's mid-winter power struggle ended infamously with each losing his job. After his brief tenure, Pietersen had to return to the ranks – and, for the remainder of his career, toe the line under the regime built by Andy Flower and Andrew Strauss.

Headingly, 2012: Little more than 24 hours after his brilliant century, Pietersen's hapless post-match press conference secured a double-entry here for time and place. His attempt to avoid the vexed topic of his future plans resulted only in the pronouncement that it was "difficult being me" in the England dressing-room. Within days, against a background of 'provocative' texts sent to the opposition about his captain, he was dropped for the final Test at Lord's – and discovered, for the first time, how it feels to be exiled from the team.

Sydney, 2013/14: Pietersen finished England's leading run-scorer in their second whitewash defeat Down Under in three attempts. By the time the tourists got to the SCG, he was as badly beaten as anyone. He could make only two single-figure scores, and new England and Wales Cricket Board managing director Paul Downton concluded that he was "disengaged". A month later, Pietersen was sacked.

October 2014: The man himself would doubtless disagree, and has made it clear on many occasions he sees his autobiography as a triumph. But the contents – England's alleged bullying culture, Pietersen's depiction of "sour and dour" Andy Flower, and stream of criticism for wicketkeeper Matt Prior – will surely not help his second 'reintegration', if there is to be one.

HANTS TO END

Adams' men set for Isle of Wight return



HAMPSHIRE are hoping to return to the Isle of Wight after a 53-year absence this season.

The Royal London One-Day Cup (50-over) game against Lancashire on Monday, August 17 – two days after Cowes Week – has been earmarked as the first county match to be played at Newclose, near Newport.

Officially opened in 2009, Newclose was conceived and created by the late Brian Gardener, a cricket enthusiast who with the help of a National Sports Foundation grant, spent £2m turning farmland into his field of dreams.

He sadly died two months ago, aged 73, but next week Hampshire hope to confirm that his creation – which was inspired by Sir John Paul Getty's Wormsley – will stage the county's first game on the Island since their last game at Cowes in 1962.

Newclose is a spectacular setting with a £900,000 pavilion, state-of-the-art electronic scoreboard and room for 2,600 cars.

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CRICKET REPORTER

It will be confirmed as Hampshire's newest venue and their first outground since the county stopped playing at Basingstoke in 2010.

That decision is subject to a final logistical check on Monday by James Cole, the Ageas Bowl's facilities and stadium development manager, and commercial director Stuart Robertson.

"We're looking at Newclose very enthusiastically, we have a strong support base on the island and hope to confirm our first game there soon," said Robertson.

So far, the biggest matches to be played at Newclose are the four Second XI Championship and two Second XI Trophy fixtures hosted by the MCC Young Cricketers/Universities.

Assuming the venue is given the thumbs up, it will be Hampshire's

tenth competitive fixture on the Island, following the nine County Championship matches played there from 1938-62.

Hampshire played two pre-war matches at the Victoria Recreation Ground, Newport in 1938 and 1939 and seven at the J. Samuel White ground in Cowes from 1956-62 – including a crucial win en route to winning their first County Championship title in 1961 – before their use of the ground ended when J Samuel White's shipyard fell on hard times and had to be closed.

England legends Bill Edrich and Tom Graveney have played against Hampshire on the Island and so too did Arthur Milton, the dual sportsman who starred for Arsenal and Gloucestershire.

Hampshire have won four, drawn three and lost two of their previous fixtures on the Isle of Wight.

August 1938: Hampshire (250 & 69-3) beat Northamptonshire (195 & 119) by seven wickets

The highest score of Stuart Boyes'

(104) 504-match Hampshire career ensured a first-innings lead of 55 after Loftus Herman took 6-63. Southampton-born Boyes completed the best all-round performance of his Hampshire career by taking 6-40 with his slow left-armers before Neil McCorkell (32no) guided Hampshire home.

June 1939: Middlesex (261) beat Hampshire (93 & 143) by an innings and 25 runs

England captain Bill Edrich made 118 after Middlesex won the toss, before becoming one of Stuart Boyes' (5-45) victims as Middlesex lost their last seven wickets for 63 runs.

That was as good as it got for Hampshire, who were bowled out for 93 a few months before the outbreak of WWII, on their way to finishing third from bottom of the County Championship.

May 1956: Hampshire (370-7) drew with Worcestershire (196 & 305-8)

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

53-YEAR WAIT



SPECTACULAR SETTING: Newclose Cricket Ground.

Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie (130no) made the first of his two Cowes centuries when Hampshire returned to the Island after a 17-year absence.

But despite the efforts of Derek Shackleton (4-45 & 3-58), Hampshire could not capitalise after enforcing the follow on.

June 1957: Hampshire (286-5 dec & 167-5 dec) beat Nottinghamshire (259 & 114) by 80 runs

Henry Horton (114no) and Roy Marshall (107) shared 123 for the second wicket before Derek Shackleton secured a first-innings lead with 7-81 from 32.1 overs.

Alan Rayment top scored with 80 in Hampshire's second innings before Shackleton (6-54) worked his magic once again to finish with match figures of 13-135.

June 1958: Hampshire (134 & 84-1) beat Leicestershire (133 & 84) by eight wickets

Malcolm Heath (5-43 & 4-24) and Derek Shackleton (4-25 & 5-36) skittled Leicestershire twice, with nine wickets between them in both innings.

Hampshire led by one run after the first innings but after top scoring with 32, opening bat Jimmy Gray guided Hampshire to their target with an unbeaten 48.

July 1959: Hampshire (229 & 133) lost to Gloucestershire (233 & 131-0) by ten wickets.

Hampshire duo Leo Harrison (64) and Denis Baldry (60) made the highest scores of either first innings.

But number three Henry Horton (54 not out) ran out of partners as Hampshire collapsed in the second. Gloucestershire's legendary dual sportsman Arthur Milton, who had played football for Arsenal in the early Fifties, made an unbeaten 56 as Gloucs cantered home.

June 1960: Hampshire (231 & 218-2) drew with Glamorgan (398-8)

Derek Shackleton (0-59) failed to take a wicket from 38 overs, making Glamorgan's innings the most barren of the Hampshire legend's career, as a lead of 167 was conceded.

Butch White (6-113) took all but two of the Glamorgan wickets and Jimmy Gray's 92 and fifties for Roy Marshall and Henry Horton ensured a stalemate.

July 1961: Hampshire (231 & 243-6) beat Essex (321-9 dec & 150-5 dec) by four wickets

After conceding a first-innings lead of 90, despite Derek Shackleton's 5-58 and Henry Horton's 55, Hampshire achieved a remarkable win thanks to an unbeaten 132 from captain Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie, pictured.

Butch White took 4-77 before Essex declared a second time.

But Hampshire were heading for defeat at 35-4 before their charismatic captain made the ninth of his 11 first-class hundreds – en route to the first of Hampshire's two County Championship titles.

May 1962: Hampshire (307 & 122-8 dec) drew with Worcestershire (139 & 192-8)

Roy Marshall (99) and Jimmy Gray (75) shared an opening partnership of 125 but Hampshire collapsed from 212-2 to 307 all out before ensuring a first-innings lead of 168 thanks to Derek Shackleton (5-44) and slow left-armers Alan Wassell (3-24).

Mike Barnard (34) top scored in Hampshire's second innings. Chasing 291, Worcestershire reached 192-8 at stumps, after Shackleton took 4-51 to finish with a match haul of 9-95, including the scalp of England's Tom Graveney in both innings.

Butch White took 2-73 and 3-74.



Sports Quiz



GUS POYET: See question 2.

1 Which European beat Jordan Spieth in the singles at the 2014 Ryder Cup?

2 Chelsea signed Gus Poyet from which club?

3 Where did Heather Watson win her first WTA event in 2012?

4 Nick Compton left Somerset to return to which county this summer?

5 Who did Max Verstappen replace as the youngest ever starter of a Formula One grand prix?

6 West Brom goalkeeper Ben Foster began his career with which club?



7 In which three countries has new Sunderland head coach Dick Advocaat, above, won league titles?

8 Name the three counties batsman Kevin Pietersen has played for?

9 Which two NFL sides play their home games at the MetLife Stadium?

10 How many times has Tiger Woods won the Masters?

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BOOK of the WEEK

Stuck On You
 The Rise & Fall...and Rise of Panini Stickers
 By Greg Lansdowne

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IT'S almost three years since Pitch Publishing successfully reminded those of us who recall football in all of its pre-1992 glory that despite an almost Stalinist-style obliteration of the game's earlier history within sections of the media, there were still millions of supporters happy to spend hours flicking through an over-sized book featuring footballers with dodgy haircuts.

Got, Not Got, (the title was first heard by most of us in the school playground as we checked our mates' collection of the latest football cards) was a remarkable book, part trip down memory lane, part social history. Pitch Publishing has gone on to successfully mine a rich seam of footballing nostalgia and the company's latest offering, *Stuck On You*, raises the bar a little higher, this time latching on to a collective willingness to reminisce about Panini stickers.

Youngsters have collected football cards since the late 19th century when John Baines of Bradford invented them around 1885. They were probably even more popular then than the modern-day Panini versions, particularly as they sold in packets of six costing a half-penny. Today, Baines' cards sell for up to £80 each.

Lansdowne could be accused of downplaying the enormous popularity of cigarette cards and those found in packets of (thinly sliced) chewing gum between 1920-70, but it would be churlish to complain. After all, his story concentrates on the inexorable rise of the Panini brothers who started their ubiquitous company in Italy in 1954, though it wasn't until seven years later that they published their first football cards.

In an attempt to test the market, Panini gave away a free football to youngsters collecting at least 100 cards, but within weeks, they realised they had a winner on their hands. The company sold 15 million cards in the first year, a figure that doubled the following year. It was the decision to accompany their cards with an album into which collectors could stick them that catapulted Panini to the pinnacle of the football card-collecting world.

Stuck On You offers another opportunity to wallow in footballing nostalgia and while it's more focused than *Got, Not Got*, this book will be understandably devoured by anyone who has ever swapped football cards in the playground, or, as the jacket cover says, "waited months, if not years, hankering after the St Mirren badge".

QUIZ QUESTION:

We've teamed up with Sports Book of the Month and have a copy of *Stuck On You* to give away.

To win this week's sports book, go to their website (sportsbookofthemonth.com) and answer the following question:

In which year did Panini produce its first World Cup sticker album?

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Sports Awards 2015

RECOGNISING THE

IT'S always a highlight of the county sporting calendar.

The Hampshire & Isle Of Wight Sports Awards take place at Saints' St Mary's Stadium on March 25.

Here, the Sports Pink prints the shortlist of nominations for all the awards.

Junior Sportsman

Andrew Douglas, Pole Vault, Eastleigh: Won gold at a Schools International event and took silver in the England National Indoor Championships. Also increased his PB by 70cm to 4.3m over the past year

Bradley Sutton, Modern Pentathlon, Basingstoke: Won gold at both the 2014 Biathle World Tour Championships and the Biathle European Championships.

Edward van Meerkerk, Karate, Basingstoke: Won a gold for individual shitoryu kata at the European Karate Championships.

Junior Sportswoman

Katie George, Cricket & Football, Test Valley: A member of England's U16 school football squad and England's U19 cricket squad (aged just 15 years).

Ebonie Jones, Boxing, Portsmouth: Won gold at the Junior Female European Championships.

Megan Kealy, Gymnastics (Tumbling), Basingstoke: Won gold at the both the World Age Group Championships and the British Championships, despite breaking her foot in 2013.

Junior Disability Sportsperson

Warren Clark, Golf, Test Valley: A member of the England Disabled golf team, he cut his handicap in 2014 from 32 in May to 9.3.

Arthur Morley, Swimming, Fareham: Has only been swimming competitively for 2 years but in 2014 he won the 100m breaststroke at the British National Disability Championships.

Ian Payne, Wheelchair Tennis, New Forest: Won his first senior title in the German Open last August, and is now ranked No 3 in the world in the junior division.

Senior Sportsman

James Foad, Rowing, Southampton: Won silver at the World Championships in the Men's Coxless Pair, and two silvers in World Cup Regattas in the Men's Coxed Eight and Coxless Pairs.

Edgar Hornby, Epee Fencing, Basingstoke: Won gold at the School Games representing England.

Joe Marchant, Rugby, Winchester: A member of the England Colleges team and the England U19 national team. Made his debut for Harlequins' A League Team on a professional contract last year.

Senior Sportswoman

Emily Hewitt, Canoeing, Eastleigh: Won silver

JUNIOR NOMINATION:
 Andrew Douglas.



MASTERS NOMINATION:
 Marina Cornwall.

at the Women's Canoe Sprint World Cup in the C4 500m.

Samantha Rees-Clark, Kayaking, Hart: Won a silver in the U23 Ladies K1 event at the World Marathon Championships in Oklahoma.

Kelly Simm, Artistic Gymnastics, Eastleigh: Was part of the England team that won gold in the Women's artistic team all-around competition at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games.



Senior Disability

Sportsperson

John Brooker, Sailing, East Hampshire: Was highest placed under-20 sailor in the Paralympic 2.4mR class at the World Championships in Canada.

Alex Hammond, Cricket, East Hampshire: A member of the England Physical Disability Cricket Squad, winning the player of the series award against Pakistan in Dubai. Captain and top runscorer of the Hampshire Cricket Board Disability Squad.

Shane Pletts, Squash, Eastleigh: Despite three months out of training due to illness, in 2014 he won two World Team Deaf squash titles – in individual and doubles.

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REGION'S BEST

Masters Sportsperson

Marina Cornwall, Powerlifting, Eastleigh: Won the World Powerlifting title in South Africa in 2014, winning a total of five medals and breaking two world records. Also retained her British Masters title.

Brian Tubb, Hockey, Eastleigh: Was a member of the England hockey team that won the Over 70's World Cup in Holland.

Outstanding Personal Achievement

Bill Budd, Cycling, East Hampshire: Bill turned

60 last July 2014 and promptly embarked on a solo, 6,000 kilometre cycling challenge around Europe, taking on the Alps and Pyrenees for 60 days. He was self-sufficient during this adventure, towing a trailer containing his lightweight tent plus all the necessary equipment he was likely to need. As a result, he raised over £9,000 for the Rosemary Foundation.

Gavin Downey, Judo & Karate, Basingstoke: Gavin has OCD in addition to severe cerebral palsy and spasticity. Despite being hospitalised early last year, he



recovered to win his first Kyu Brown Belt in Judo (one belt from Black) and his purple belt in Karate.

Isaac Fitzgerald, Football, Southampton: Isaac was diagnosed with leukaemia in December 2012.

Just after he finished his six months of heavy chemotherapy, he joined a football team.

Last season, the eight-year-old won a place in the team and in his first full match he scored a hat trick.

Scott Gilmour, Cycling, Test Valley: The 14-year-old completed The New Forest Wiggle 100-mile cycle ride.

He rents a road bike using money from his paper round as his family can't afford to buy him a proper road bike.

Scott completed the Three Peaks Challenge up and down in less than 24 hours when he was 12, raising over £6,000 for local charities.

Participation Coach

Adam Dominey, Squash, Isle of Wight: A Level 3 Advanced Qualified Coach with over 20 years coaching experience. He has provided taster sessions in over 20 schools on the IOW, and has also created four junior and two senior teams to represent the IOW in the Hampshire Leagues.

Richard Osborne, Sitting Volleyball, Portsmouth: Richard has delivered numerous sitting volley-

ball taster sessions to over 500 people, ranging from five-year olds to adults.

Rory Simpson, Handball, East Hampshire: The Head Coach at Alton Handball Club organises club tournaments to ensure members have regular access to competitions. He also coaches the Southampton Solent University team, after-school clubs and an informal club based in Winchester.

Performance Coach

Graham Hurrell, Badminton, Winchester: He coaches the U17 England National Team, who won two golds and three silvers at the 2014 European Championships.

Is also the assistant head coach at Westgate Performance Centre based in Winchester, who won three golds, 2 silvers and seven bronze at the 2014 National Championships.

Graham Popple, Swimming, Portsmouth: The head coach at Havant & Waterlooville Swimming Club. Under his leadership, Havant won the National Arena League South Division 1 West and was promoted to the South Premier League for the first time in the club's history.

Keith Richardson, Gymnastics, Eastleigh: Has obtained Master coach award level, the highest coaching qualification in his spot.

His current gymnast is Kelly Simm, who was British Vault champion 2014 and a member of the England team who won gold at the Commonwealths. Is also one of Dynamo Gymnastics Club's head coaches and mentors over 25 coaches at the club.

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Did You Know?

DAVE Whelan recently stepped aside as chairman of Sky Bet Championship club Wigan, handing the reins over to his 23-year-old grandson David Sharpe.

Sharpe, who was appointed to the Latics' board just before Christmas, is the youngest chairman in the Football League.

Here, the *Sports Pink* takes a look at other football figure-heads past and present who attained positions of power at young ages.

DARRAGH MacANTHONY

Previous Peterborough chairman Barry Fry was certainly a colourful character, but Irishman MacAnthony has been no shrinking violet either since he arrived on the London Road scene in 2006. After finally completing his takeover as a 31-year-old in 2007, MacAnthony put a note in a Posh programme vowing to lift the then-League Two club into the Championship. It was a promise he duly delivered on.

KARREN BRADY

Before she was West Ham's vice-chairman and one of Lord Sugar's eyes and ears on *The Apprentice*, Brady shot to prominence as a 23-year-old managing director at Birmingham. The 'First Lady of Football' has been a trailblazer since 1993 and was seen as instrumental in helping the Hammers secure a deal to move into the Olympic Stadium from the start of the 2016-17 season.

CAROLYN RADFORD

In 2011, then non-League outfit Mansfield appointed a 29-year-old chief executive who professed to "not being a football fan" and came from a background in fashion. Radford later married Stags chairman John Radford and the husband-and-wife combination have since helped the club back into the Football League, where they remain today.

SIMON JORDAN

Ex-Crystal Palace chairman Jordan is another who comes from the MacAnthony school of shooting from the hip. Jordan, who made his money through the mobile phone boom, became the youngest Football League chairman in 2000 when he was just 32. The Eagles honcho clashed with several managers during his decade at the helm, most famously Steve Bruce and Iain Dowie.

DARREN BROWN

Brown had big plans for Chesterfield when the 29-year-old added the Spireites to a sports portfolio which also included two ice-hockey teams at the start of the new millennium. His reign proved to be short-lived, though. Brown was not even in charge for a year when he left them on the brink of bankruptcy and he was sent to prison in 2005 for fraud.

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Official

Ross Murphy, Football, Eastleigh: A Level 5 referee, last year he joined the National Young Referee Development Programme representing Hampshire. He referees in local leagues and for his college, and is also the Referee Appointment Secretary for the Winchester Girls League.

Gerry Reilly, Taekwondo, Basingstoke: Last year he qualified as a British Taekwondo Poomsae judge and was selected as only one of six UK Poomsae Judges to attend the Commonwealth Championships.

Steve Snodden, Athletics, Basingstoke: Is qualified in Photofinish, Track Officiating, Field Judging and Timekeeping. Last year he was one of the few England Athletics Officials to be selected for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Club of the Year

Swallows Trampoline Club, East Hampshire: Swallows' committee have been increasing the club's awareness, particular among disadvantaged children, low income families and children/young adults with disabilities.

Trojans Hockey Club, Eastleigh: With 744 players, 30 coaches, 20 managers and 15 officials, Trojans Hockey Club has a cradle to grave approach catering for grass root sport, participation and elite performance.

London 2012 Legacy Award

Hordle CE Primary School, New Forest: 100% of pupils now participate in competitive events, with 73% of school population taking part in school run after school sport

Norwood Primary School, Eastleigh: Nine different sports are offered as after school clubs with 88% of the school population participating.

St. Martin's CE Primary School, Basingstoke: Among their achievements are older children organising lunchtime activities for younger ones. Also created Judo and Gymnastics clubs that run before school and several new after school clubs.

Service to Sport

Ian Byett, Athletics, Basingstoke: Has volunteered at the Basingstoke and Mid Hants Athletics Club for almost 50 years.

He has carried out various roles including secretary, coach and chairman. Is currently a Life Vice President, press officer and commentator, as well as being a qualified starter and marksman.

John Carter, Football, Havant: Over the last 50 years John has held every position at Havant and Waterlooville FC from tea boy to chairman and is currently President of the club. He is also currently the Deputy Chairman of the Portsmouth Youth League.

Len Dunce, Judo, Basingstoke: The founder member of Summit Judo Club, which he formed in the 1970's. He became a qualified coach in 1981 and a qualified referee in 1984, covering different events over the south region and for the Army. Len still attends every single session at the club.

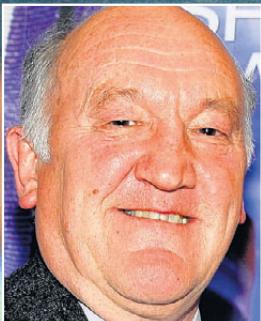
Colin Greetham, Cricket, Bowls & Football, East Hampshire: Has contributed to many sports in the East Hampshire district for the past 60 years

SPORTS STORY TO TELL? CALL SPORTS EDITOR

CELEBRATION



OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR NOMINATION: Gerry Reilly.



SERVICE TO SPORT NOMINATION: Ian Byett.

as a player, a coach, a manager, committee member, captain, referee and groundsman.

Is currently a member of the Hampshire Cricket over 70s squad and has recently taken up bowls, playing for seven in house teams at Chawton Park Indoor Bowls Club.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Sports Awards Junior Volunteer

Sophie Collins, Equestrian, Eastleigh: A volunteer at Hampshire Riding Therapy Centre, attending four times a week after school and at weekends.

Sophie is the Team Leader of the Centres Saddle Club group where other saddle club members aged 9-16

can go to her with problems.

Chloe Foster, Trampolining, East Hampshire: Helps coach the junior section of Alton Trampoline Club, attending virtually every junior session.

Jessica Muller, Karate, Basingstoke: Jessica helps coach junior members at her Martial Arts Club, three nights a week and helps out at adult martial arts classes at weekends. She also helps run an after school club for children with learning difficulties.

Senior Volunteer

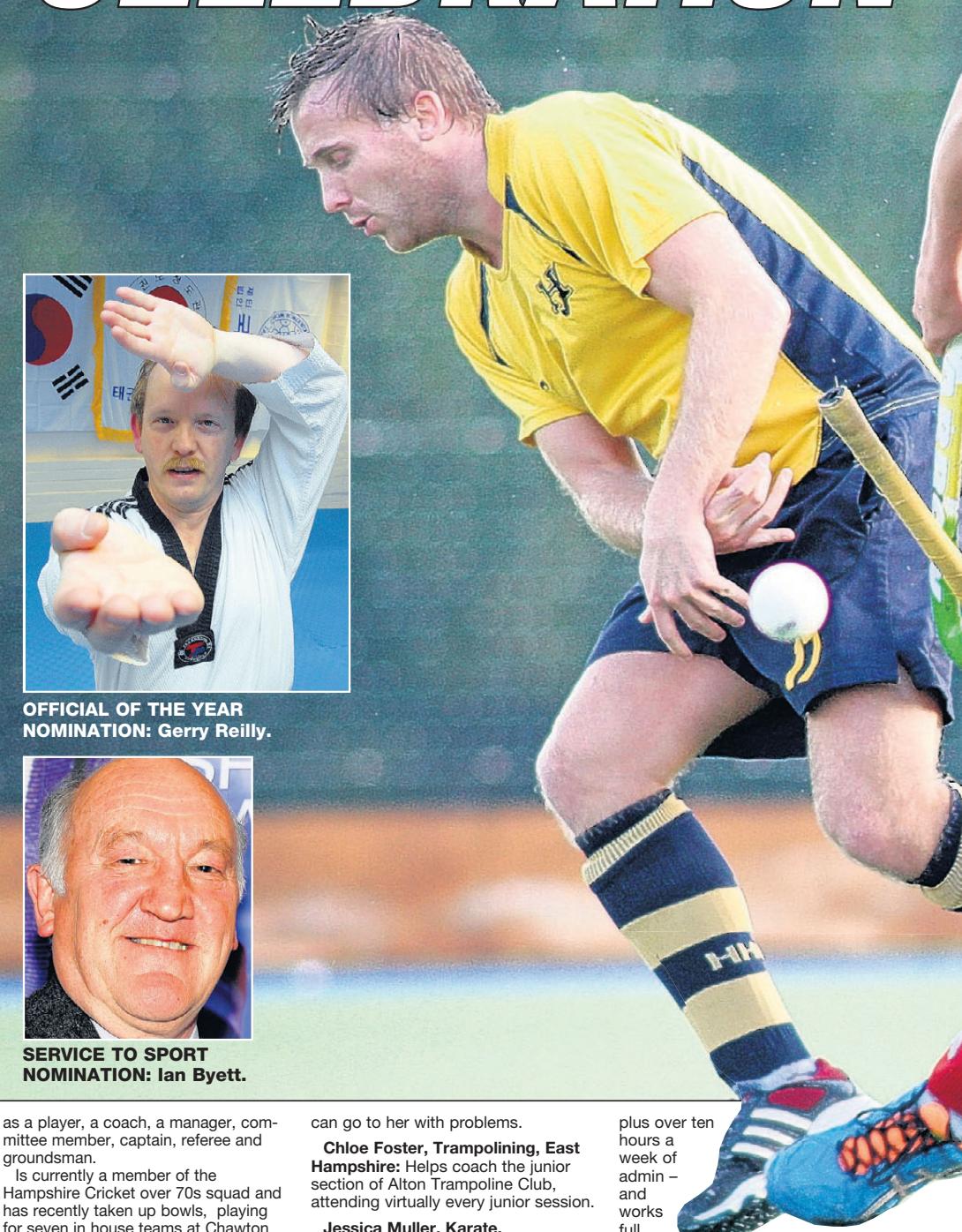
Su Killeen, Gymnastics, Gosport: Su runs Suki Gymnastics Club which currently has over 100 gymnasts ranging from 4 years to 24 years. Su coaches 14 hours plus a week,

plus over ten hours a week of admin – and works full time.

Andy Moore, Rugby League, Eastleigh: Has set up from scratch the Hampshire Youth League for Rugby League.

Andy has created the format, recruited the teams and trained volunteers including a panel of referees. He also set up and runs the website and also secured funding for the competition to help develop a base of coaches.

As a result there are now five Junior Rugby League teams in Hampshire.



Hants & Isle of Wight Sports Awards

CLUB OF THE YEAR NOMINATION: Trojans Hockey Club (red strip).

JUNIOR VOLUNTEER NOMINATION: Jessica Muller.

JUNIOR TEAM NOMINATION: Sparsholt College under-18 football team.

competitions and the winter South Hampshire Indoor League.

Shin Gi Tai Martial Arts Academy, Basingstoke: The Red Kata Team were National Champions and fourth in European Championships.

The Blue Kata Team also won a national title while the Male Cadet Kumite Team took silver at the European Karate Championships.

Sparsholt College U18s, Football, Winchester: The Elite team won the English Schools U18 Cup, the Hampshire Colleges Cup and Hampshire Midweek Floodlit Cup in 2014.

Junior Team

OTs & Romsey Under 15, Cricket, Test Valley: The team remained unbeaten throughout 2014, winning league and cup doubles in both the New Forest Cricket Association junior

distance squad dominated national and regional competitions in 2014.

They won every National and South of England team title and also represented the UK in the European Clubs Cross Country Championships, finishing fifth.

Basingstoke Senior Mixed TeamGym, Basingstoke: They were sixth in the European TeamGym Championships and won gold at the Mixed TeamGym British Championships.

Basingstoke Bison Men's EPL, Ice Hockey, Basingstoke: Bison ended a 14-year trophy drought by winning the English Premier League Cup and English Premier League.

Senior Team

Aldershot Farnham & District Athletics Club: The Women's mid-

Steve Willoughby, Skateboarding & Cycling, Winchester: Has helped to raise over £300,000 to build a new Winchester Skatepark.

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Junior Team

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Wanderers v Ice House, Hamble Roll Call Res v Titans.

Charlie Golden Trophy, quarter-finals: Bitterne Ducks v Carnival UK, Durley v Marchwood Rangers, Eastpoint v Mottisfont.

Senior Division: Bush Hill & Newton Heath 1977 v KRL, Cricketers Arms Fair oak v AFC West End, Hamble Roll Call v Sholing United, Yacht Tavern v AFC Bursledon.

Junior Division 1: AFC Portsmouth v AFC Riverside, Chertwell Green v RS Ocean Village, Langard Rovers v Glen.

Junior Division 2: Athletico Tin Hut v L H Galaxy, Phoenix AFC v S & D, Testlands v Itchen Saints.

Junior Division 3: AFC Bishopstoke v Hedge End Athletic, AFC Velmore v Trant, Young Boys 93/4 v Holbury United.

Junior Division 4: King George v St Minions, Itchen Albion v Burridge AFC, Portsmouth United v Portside, Sholing Monks v Dorchester Arms.

Junior Division 6: Fawley RBL v AFC Spitfire, AFC Phoenix v Unity, Sporting Compass v Bannister Park.

Junior Division 7: AFC Bishopstoke Res v Portsworld United Res, Testwood Tornadoes v Dorchester Manor, Chamberlayne Athletic Res v Lyndhurst JFC.

GOSPORT, FAREHAM & SOLENT LEAGUE

Wat Memorial Cup, quarter-finals: C J Glass v AFC Seaway, Green Dragon v Crofton Saints.

Gosport Borough Supporters Cup, semi-final: AFC Gosport v East Lodge.

Division 1: Village Home v Solent town, CMS v Bridgemary Eagles.

Division 2: Lee CC v Whiteley, Parkway Athletic v Queens Head United.

Division 3: Jolly Roger v TML, Fighting Cocks v Hoeford United, Bridgemary Colts v Dryden, Gosport Wanderers v AFC Alverstoke, Castle in the Air v Stubbington.

Division 4: Foresters United v AFC Whiteley, Duke of Connaught v Elson Titans, Whiteley XI v Paedaelus, AFC Gosport Town v MM Sports, Village Home Res v Queens Head Raiders.

Division 5: AFC Whiteley Res v AFC Dynamo, AFC Onecon v Wisers, Wallington Athletic v Borough Town, New Inn v White Hart, Gipsy Queen v RWT.

WINCHESTER & DISTRICT LEAGUE

North Hants John Ward Cup, semi-final: AFC Gecko v Rotherwick.

Jack West Cup, quarter-final: FC Railway v Winchester County, FILO v AFC Albrook, Worthy's v AFC Stoneham.

Premier Division: FC Exchange v South Wonston Swifts, FC Central v Mucky Duck, Whitewap v Whaleshead Thistles.

Division 1: Hedge End Hawks v Owslebury.

Division 2: Ropley Res v FILO Res.

SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH LEAGUE

Under-18s

Division 2: Wyvern Saints v Warsash Wasps.

Under-16s

Division 4: Michelmersh & Timsbury v QK Southampton Jets.

SOUTHAMPTON TYRO LEAGUE

Under-11s

Division 1 East: botley Village Lions v Winchester Black, City Central v Hedge End Rangers Blue, Sholing Red v Sholing White, Soccer4all Tigers v Wyvern Saints.

Division 2 East: Bitterne Red v Winchester Blue, Botley Village Rhinos v Eastleigh White, H E Youth v Sarsbury Sparks, Warsash WWasps Black v Wyvern Dragons.

Division 3 East: Eastleigh Red v Chamberlayne Athletic, Hedge End Rangers Red v Wyvern Sharks, Hedge End Rangers White v St Francis Rangers, Warsash Wasps White v Townhill Lingland.

Division 1 West: FC Salisbury united v Marchwood Rangers, Oakwood Dynamos v Hythe & Dibden Tigers, Oakwood Ravens v Oakwood Lions, Southbrook Rangers v Pace Cougars.

Division 2 West: Ice Sports v AFC Stoneham, Pace Pumas v Badsey Park Knights, QK Southampton v Fawley Falcons, Salisbury City v AFC Hiltingbury Harriers.

Division 3 West: Badsey Park Templars v Lakewood Leopards, Hythe & Dibden Neons v Winchester Black, Oakwood Terriers v Littleton Lions.

Division 2: Oakwood Harriers v Eastleigh.

Division 4: Oakwood Pumas v Colden Common rangers.

Division 5: Hedge End Rangers Blue v Fawley Falcons, Wellow v Botley Village.

Under-13s

Division 1: Totton & Eling Red v Eastleigh Blue, Winchester Black v hedge End Rangers Blue.

Division 2: Hythe Strikers v Whiteley Wanderers, Sportstars v Littleton Lions.

Division 3: Bitterne Red v Hamble United Red, Hythe & Dibden Vikings v Colden Common Royals.

Division 4: Wyvern Dragons v Wellow.

Under-14s

Division 1: Botley Village v Eastleigh.

Division 3: Bitterne Blacks v Badsey Park, Hythe & Dibden Phoenix v Hamble United, Michelmersh & Timsbury v St Francis Rovers.

Division 4: Bitterne Red v FC Southampton, Hythe & Dibden Legends v Fawley Falcons.

Under-15s

Division 1: QK Southampton v Sportstars.

Division 3: Botley Village v Wellow.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY WOMENS LEAGUE

Division 1: Christchurch v Shanklin Res.

Division 2: Basingstoke Town Res v Hordean, Wimborne v Stratford, Yate v AFC Totton.

EVOSTIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Banbury v Paulton Rovers, Chesham v Chippenham, Cirencester v Arlesley, Corby v

Dorchester, Histon v Redditch, Histon v Slough, Hungerford v Biggleswade, Poole Town v Cambridge City, St Neots v Bideford, Truro v Dunstable, Weymouth v Burnham.

Division One South & West: Baslysh v Tiverton, Cinderford v Wantage, Didcot v Bishops Cleeve, Larkhall v Taunton, Mangotsfield v Clevedon, North Leigh v

Bridgwater, Sholing v Merthyr Town, Shortwood v Evesham, Swindon Supermarine v Fleet Town, Wimborne v Stratford, Yate v AFC Totton.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Lymington Town,

Andover Town v Verwood, Brockenhurst v Bournemouth Poppies, Fareham v Winchester City, Folland Sports v Alresford, Hordean v Blackfield & Langley, Newport IOW v

Bemerton HH, Petersfield v Fawley AFC, Totton & Eling v Hamworthy Ut.

Division One: Amesbury v Downton, Hythe & Dibden v Cowes Sports, Pewsey Vale v Laverstock & Ford, Tadley Calleva v Romsey Town, US Portsmouth v Team Solent.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

Senior Division: Clanfield v Bush Hill, Colden Common v Headley Ut, Fleetlands v Hedge End Rangers,

Hamble Club v Paulsgrove, Liss Athletic v Liphook,

Locks Heath v AFC Stoneham, Otterburn v Baffins Milton Rovers, QK Southampton v Stockbridge,

Weymouth Castle v Overton.

Division One: Andover Lions v Lyndhurst, Cadnam v

Michelmersh & Timsbury, Hayling v Upham, Infinity v

AFC Petersfield, Netley Central Sports v Four Marks.

Combination: Hamble Club v Headley Ut, Hedge End

Rangers v Paulsgrove, Liphook v Fleetlands, Overton v Otterburn.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

John Stimpson Memorial Shield, quarter-final: AFC

Totton v Wimborne Town.

Premier Division: Bemerton HH v Ringwood, Team

Solent v AFC Portchester.

Division One West: East Cowes Vics v Downton, Fawley

AFC v Bashley, Verwood v Hythe & Dibden.

Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v

Mangotsfield.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Andover Town v Blackfield & Langley, Newport IOW v Folland Sports, Petersfield v Bemerton HH, Totton & Eling v Hordean.

Division One: Downton v Hythe & Dibden.

ISLE OF WIGHT GOLD CUP

Cowes Sports v Whitecroft & Barton.

ALDERSHOT SENIOR CUP

Semi-final: Alresford Town v Fleet Town.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Premier Division: Dorchester Town v Moneyfields,

Ringwood v AFC Totton.

Division One West: Romsey v Hythe & Dibden.

Wednesday, March 25

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Denmark v USA, Georgia v Malta, Germany v Australia, Scotland v Rep of Ireland.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

John Stimpson Memorial Shield, quarter-final:

Bashley v Verwood.

Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Sholing, Wimborne v Petersfield.

Division One West: Blackfield & Langley v East Cowes Vics.

Thursday, March 26

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Costa Rica v Paraguay, France v Brazil, Iran v Chile, Nigeria v Bolivia.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying Group Two: Rep of Ireland U21 v Andorra U21.

UNDER-21 FRIENDLY

Hungary U21 v Scotland U21.

Friday, March 27

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying Group C: FYR Macedonia v Belarus, Slovakia v Luxembourg, Spain v Ukraine.

Qualifying Group E: England v Lithuania, Slovenia v San Marino, Switzerland v Estonia.

Qualifying Group G: Liechtenstein v Austria, Moldova v Sweden, Montenegro v Russia.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

China PR v Bahrain, Costa Rica v Paraguay, El Salvador v Argentina, Japan v Tunisia, South Korea v Uzbekistan.

UNDER-21 FRIENDLY

Czech Rep U21 v England U21.

SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

League 2: Accrington Stanley v Newport County.

ISLE OF WIGHT GOLD CUP

East Cowes Vics v East Cowes Sports.

Saturday, March 28

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying Group A: Czech Republic v Latvia, Holland v Turkey, Kazakhstan v Iceland.

Qualifying Group B: Andorra v Bosnia-Herzegovina, Belgium v Cyprus, Israel v Wales.

Qualifying Group H: Azerbaijan v Malta, Bulgaria v Italy, Croatia v Norway.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Argentina v El Salvador, Morocco v Uruguay.

SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

League 1: Bradford v Oldham, Bristol City v Barnsley, Chesterfield v Walsall, Colchester v Swindon, Crawley Town v Gillingham, Leyton Orient v Port Vale, MK Dons v Doncaster, Notts County v Scunthorpe, Peterborough v Coventry, Rochdale v Yeovil, Sheldt Utd v Crewe.

League 2: Bury v Southend, Cheltenham v Plymouth, Dag & Red v Wycombe, Exeter v Morecambe, Hartlepool v Cambridge Utd, Mansfield v York, Northampton v Luton, Oxford Utd v Carlisle, Portsmouth v Shrewsbury, Tranmere v AFC Wimbledon.

BARCLAYS U18 PREMIER LEAGUE

Group Three: SAINTS U18 v Norwich U18 (11am).

VANARAMA CONFERENCE

Premier: Maclesfield v Bristol Rovers (12.30pm), Alfreton v Barnet, Chester v Woking, Dartford v Altringham, Dover v AFC Telford, Gateshead v Eastleigh, Kidderminster v Braintree, Lincoln v Forest Green Rovers, Nuneaton v FC Halifax, Southport v Torquay, Welling v Grimsby.

South: Basingstoke v Wealdstone, Bath v Bromley, Bishops Stortford v Farnborough, Boreham Wood v Hemel Hempstead, Chelmsford v Havant & Waterlooville, Concord v Ebbsfleet, Eastbourne v Sutton, Maidenhead v Gosport Borough, Whitehawk v Weston-super-Mare, Bath City v Hayes & Yeading.

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WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

John Stimpson

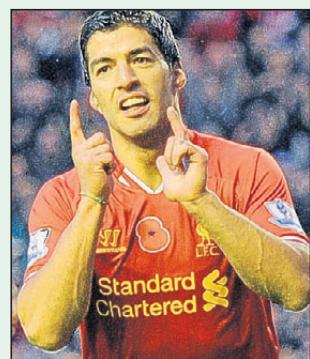
Did You Know?

LIVERPOOL and Manchester United go head-to-head on Sunday as the battle for a place in the top four hots up.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at some memorable Anfield encounters between the north-west arch-rivals.

Liverpool 3 Manchester United 1, March 6 2011, Premier League

Luis Suarez, pictured below, terrorised the United defence and Dirk Kuyt was the man to benefit with a contender for one of the shortest hat-tricks in history. The Holland international's treble, the first by a Liverpool player against United in 21 years, was from a combined distance of six yards. Javier Hernandez's last-minute strike was little consolation.



Liverpool 2 Manchester United 2, May 5 1999, Premier League

United, on their way to a famous treble, took a 2-0 lead inside an hour through Dwight Yorke and Denis Irwin's penalty. However, Jamie Redknapp pulled one back from the spot and, after Irwin was sent off, former Red Devils captain Paul Ince charged into the area to stab home an 89th-minute equaliser.

Liverpool 3 Manchester United 3, January 4, 1994, Premier League

One of the definitive matches of the early Premier League era saw the visitors race into a 3-0 up after just 24 minutes with goals from Steve Bruce, Ryan Giggs and Irwin. Incredibly Liverpool bounced back with Nigel Clough scoring twice before the break setting up a grandstand finish in which defender Neil Ruddock was the unlikely hero.

Liverpool 1 Manchester United 4, December 13, 1969, Division One

Liverpool's heaviest home win to their arch-rivals. Ron Yeats' own goal was cancelled out by defender Emlyn Hughes after a barnstorming run forward but Ian Ure, Willie Morgan and Bobby Charlton all scored after the break.

Liverpool 5 Manchester United 0, September 19, 1925, Division One

The Reds' biggest home win over United (although they beat their forebears Newton Heath 7-1 in 1895 in a Division Two game). Dick Forshaw scored a hat-trick interspersed with other goals coming from Harry Chambers and Archie Rawlings.

New Forest girls' Football festival at Testwood Sports College

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Pace Bs at the football festival.



The Ringwood team.

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Fawley Falcons



Highcliffe Hawks.

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Mudeford Bs



Boscombe Bs

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Oakwood take on Ringwood

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Fawley Falcons (yellow) against AFC Boscombe

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Oakwood score against Ringwood

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Lucy White (left) scores for Boscombe

Order no: 34429023

FESTIVAL IS THE BEST YET

THE New Forest Girls Football League held an under-11 girls festival at Testwood Sports College.

Hosted by Pace Youth, the third festival was the most successful yet, with ten teams taking part in an entertaining and enjoyable morning.

League chairman Graham Moores said: "The festival was about enjoyment and development of girls' football in the New Forest.

"The results were not a factor and all participants went home with a medal. The day was a great success."

The festival was part of the New Forest Football

Initiative, a collaboration between The New Forest Girls League and New Forest schools.

Moores explained: "Utilising the outstanding work performed by the New Forest School Games, the initiative is aimed at improving access to football for girls by the collaboration of Schools and Clubs.

"The New Forest Girls League is the catalyst in this arrangement.

"To date, we have collaborations with five schools and clubs, and from three teams up to 12 at the U11 age group.

"The league would like to hear from any teams in the New Forest and surrounding areas who would like to

join us for next season at U8, U10, U12 and U14 age groups.

"If there are any businesses who would like to sponsor and join us in this Initiative, we would be delighted to hear from them."

Moores can be contacted at graham@moores85.freemail.co.uk.



Ringwood v Oakwood

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Lucy White (left) scores for Boscombe

Order no: 34429035

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1 How many times have Australia won the Cricket World Cup?

2 Which Football League club play their home games at Greenhous Meadow?



3 All-time NHL top points-scorer Wayne Gretzky, right, finished his career with which team?

4 Name the three South Africans to have won the Masters?

5 In what year did Steffi Graf win her final grand slam?

6 How many national sides has Sunderland boss Dick Advocaat managed?



7 Name Sauber's confirmed driver line-up for the 2015 Formula One season.

8 England and Wales have each won the RBS 6 Nations Championship four times, how many times have Ireland won it?

9 Andy Murray, right, equalled Tim Henman's British career-wins record at Indian Wells on Wednesday, how many wins was that?

10 Which Super 15 side play their home games at GIO Stadium?

11. How many Test centuries has Jonathan Trott scored?



12. For which club did Mesut Ozil, right, make his senior professional debut?

13. In which town will the inaugural Tour de Yorkshire start in May?

14. Who are the reigning Davis Cup champions?

15. In athletics, which city will host this summer's World Championships?

ANSWERS

1 Four; 2 Shrewsbury; 3 New York Rangers; 4 Gary Player, Trevor Immelman, Charl Schwartzel; 5 1999; 6 Peter Schreiber; 7 Marcus Belgrano and Serbia; 8 Two (2009 and 2014); 9 Belgium; 10 The Netherlands; 11 Switzerland; 12 Schalke; 13 Birmingham; 14 Switzerland; 15 Beijing.

16 Emirates, South Korea; 17 Belgium; 18 Switzerland; 19 France; 20 Argentina; 21 United States; 22 Germany; 23 France; 24 Belgium; 25 Germany; 26 France; 27 France; 28 France; 29 France; 30 France; 31 France; 32 France; 33 France; 34 France; 35 France; 36 France; 37 France; 38 France; 39 France; 40 France; 41 France; 42 France; 43 France; 44 France; 45 France; 46 France; 47 France; 48 France; 49 France; 50 France; 51 France; 52 France; 53 France; 54 France; 55 France; 56 France; 57 France; 58 France; 59 France; 60 France; 61 France; 62 France; 63 France; 64 France; 65 France; 66 France; 67 France; 68 France; 69 France; 70 France; 71 France; 72 France; 73 France; 74 France; 75 France; 76 France; 77 France; 78 France; 79 France; 80 France; 81 France; 82 France; 83 France; 84 France; 85 France; 86 France; 87 France; 88 France; 89 France; 90 France; 91 France; 92 France; 93 France; 94 France; 95 France; 96 France; 97 France; 98 France; 99 France; 100 France.

Barclays Premier League

A. Villa	0	Swansea	1	
HT 0-0		Gomis 87		
Man City	3	W.B.A.	0	
Bony 27, Fernando 40		Silva 77		
HT 2-0		Att 45,018		
Newcastle	1	Arsenal	2	
Sissoko 48		Giroud 24,28		
HT 0-2		Att 50,544		
SAINTS	2	Burnley	0	
Long 37, Shackell 58 og		Att 30,864		
HT 1-0		Diouf 14		
Stoke	1	Crystal P	2	
Murray 41 pen, Zaha 45		Att 27,532		
HT 1-2		McLeod 33 pen		
Tottenham	4	Leicester	3	
Kane 6,13,64 pen		Vardy 38, Morgan 50		
Schlipk 85 og		Nugent 90		
HT 2-1		Att 35,950		
West Ham	L	Sunderlnd	L	
HT L-L				
	HOME	AWAY		
P W	D L F A	W D L F A	Pt	
Chelsea	28 11	3 0 28 6	8 4 2 30 17	64
Man City	30 10	3 2 31 12	8 4 3 31 16	61
Arsenal	30 10	3 1 33 11	3 5 25 20	60
Man Utd	29 12	1 2 33 10	4 7 3 17 16	56
Liverpool	28 8	5 2 24 14	8 1 5 19 16	54
SAINTS	30 9	3 4 27 10	7 2 5 15 11	53
Tottenham	30 9	3 4 29 22	7 2 5 21 23	53
Swansea	30 7	4 2 19 16	5 3 7 15 22	43
Stoke	30 7	2 6 20 19	5 4 6 14 18	42
West Ham	29 7	3 5 21 15	6 6 5 18 22	39
Crystal P	30 4	3 5 20 20	3 4 6 19 21	36
Newcastle	30 6	3 4 18 19	2 6 7 9 20	33
W.B.A.	30 6	3 6 18 19	2 6 7 9 20	33
Everton	29 4	7 3 22 18	3 3 9 14 23	31
Hull	29 4	6 15 17	2 6 7 11 20	28
A. Villa	30 3	5 7 11 19	4 2 9 8 20	28
Sunderlnd	29 2	7 6 12 22	2 7 5 11 21	26
Burnley	30 4	5 6 14 19	1 5 9 12 30	25
Q.P.R.	29 5	4 6 20 20	1 0 13 10 32	22
Leicester	29 2	5 6 13 17	2 2 12 14 31	19

SkyBet League One

Barnsley	1	Preston	1	
Ibehre 79		Garnier 37		
HT 0-1		Att 12,471		
Bradford	2	Fleetwood Town	2	
Stead 10		Proctor 86		
Routis 50		Pond 90		
HT 1-0		Att 12,963		
Coventry	1	Doncaster	3	
Samuel 5		Wellens 50		
Clarke-Harris 72		Forrester 84		
HT 1-0		Att 8,699		
Crawley	1	Leyton O	0	
McLeod 33 pen				
HT 1-0		Att 3,255		
Crewe	0	Oldham	1	
Wilkinson 74				
HT 0-0		Att 4,669		
Gillingham	2	Colchester	2	
Ehmer 82		Moncur 62		
Lotto 90		Porter 87		
HT 0-0		Att 5,319		
M K Dons	4	Notts Cnty	1	
C Baker 63		Whitehouse 79		
L Baker 74				
Grig 49				
HT 0-0		Att 11,911		
Peterboro	1	Chesterfld	0	
Boatwick 27				
HT 1-0		Att 6,612		
Rochdale	3	Scunthorpe	1	
Rose 22		van Veen 60		
Henderson 61				
Vincenti 84				
HT 1-0		Att 2,738		
Sheff Utd	1	Port Vale	0	
Baxter 29 pen				
HT 1-0		Att 18,729		
	HOME	AWAY		
P W	D L F A	W D L F A	Pt	
Bristol C	38 14	3 2 35 13	11 5 3 38 19	83
Preston	37 11	7 1 36 18	10 3 5 27 14	73
Swindon	37 11	3 4 32 19	10 4 5 33 20	70
M K Dons	38 12	3 4 44 17	8 6 5 32 23	69
Sheff Utd	37 8	5 5 25 18	8 5 6 26 25	58
Peterboro	38 9	3 7 22 21	8 2 9 24 25	56
Barnsley	38 10	3 6 34 25	6 4 9 17 25	55
Rochdale	36 8	3 7 28 21	2 8 3 25 26	53
Doncaster	38 6	4 9 18 23	8 7 4 30 25	53
Fleetwood T	38 7	8 4 21 20	7 2 10 18 23	52
Chesterfield	37 9	4 6 34 24	5 5 8 20 25	51
Bradford	36 6	6 6 23 23	7 6 5 23 19	51
Oldham	37 7	4 7 25 30	6 6 7 21 26	49
Gillingham	38 8	6 5 32 27	4 6 9 20 29	48
Port Vale	38 8	3 8 27 25	6 3 10 20 28	48
Walsall	37 5	7 20 24	6 6 6 16 17	46
Scunthorpe	36 6	4 8 19 24	5 6 7 29 32	43
Coventry	38 5	8 6 22 28	5 5 9 21 26	43
Crawley	38 7	6 6 24 29	4 4 11 19 35	43
Notts Cnty	37 4	3 11 18 26	7 6 6 19 24	42
Crewe	38 8	4 7 19 25	4 2 13 16 43	42
Leyton O	37 4	4 11 23 28	6 5 7 24 25	39
Colchester	38 5	2 12 23 32	5 6 8 23 31	38
Yeovil	38 4	6 9 12 27	4 3 12 16 31	33

SkyBet Championship

Blackburn	0	Brighton	1
Kilkullan 26 og			
HT 0-1		Att 13,605	
Blackpool	1	Leeds Utd	0
Madine 44		Antenucci 62	
HT 1-0		Att 11,688	
CHERRIES	3	Middlesbro	0
Kermorgant 12 pen			
Arter 48, Pitman 74 pen			
HT 1-0		Att 10,998	
Brentford	2	Millwall	2
Pritchard 85 pen		Gregory 28	
Odubajo 90		O'Brien 64	
HT 0-1		Att 10,179	
Cardiff	2	Birmingham	0
Doyle 50, Whittingham 76 pen			
HT 0-0		Att 20,602	
Charlton	3	Reading	2
Buyens 58 pen, 70		Pogrebnyak 40,90	
Church 80			
HT 0-1		Att 15,007	
Huddersfld	0	Fulham	2
Kacaniklic 2, Fofana 90			
HT 0-1		Att 11,635	
Norwich	3	Nottm For	1
Howson 45, Jerome 56		Burke 76	
Hodgson 59 pen			
HT 1-0		Att 26,976	
Rotherham	2	Sheff Wed	3
Pringle 57		Lavery 86	
Bowery 87		Nuhu 90, Lee 90	
HT 0-0		Att 11,707	
Watford	0	Ipswich	1
Chaplow 90			
HT 0-0		Att 19,038	
Wigan	1	Bolton	1
Waghorn 90		Walker 70	
HT 0-0		Att 15,861	

SkyBet League Two

AFC Wimbledon	1	POMPEY	0	
Chorley 6 og				
HT 1-0		Att 4,485		
Acc Stanley	2	York	2	
Maguire 69		Summerfield 63		
Windass 90		Hyde 76		
HT 0-0		Att 1,454		
Bury	2	Northmptn	1	
Ethu 66		Holmes 10		
El-Abd 90				
HT 0-1		Att 3,969		
Carlisle	1	Morecambe	1	
Potts 53		Amorod 78 pen		
HT 0-0		Att 4,343		
Cheltenham	1	Exeter	2	
Moore-Taylor 89 og		Nichols 26		
Cummins 86				
HT 0-1		Att 2,880		
Hartlepool	1	Mansfield	0	
Walker 47 pen				
HT 0-0		Att 4,166		
Plymouth	0	Newport County	0	
HT 0-0		Att 6,847		
Shrewsbry	2	Oxford Utd	0	
Lawrence 2 pen, 82				
HT 1-0		Att 5,265		
Southend	0	Cambridge	0	
HT 0-0		Summerfield 63		
Stevenage	0	Dagenham	1	
Howell 54		HT 0-0		
HT 0-0		Att 2,795		
Tranmere	1	Burton Albion	4	
Odejai 35		McCrory 18		
HT 1-2		Akins 22		
	HOME	AWAY		
P W	D L F A	W D L F A	Pt	
CHERRIES	39 11	6 3 39 21	10 4 5 43 19	73
Watford	39 12	3 5 44 21	10 3 6 34 25	72
Middlesb	39 12	4 3 37 11	9 5 6 22 19	72
Norwich	39 10	6 4 44 21	10 4 5 32 22	70
Derby City	39 11	5 3 41 18	8 5 7 28 25	67
Ipswich	39 12	4 3 31 13	7 6 7 28 30	67
Brentford	39 11	4 5 39 24	9 2 8 25 28	66
Wolves	39 11	5 4 33 17	7 6 6 23 28	65
Nottm For	39 9	5 5 34 24	6 7 7 28 30	57
Blackburn	39 9	5 6 29 23	5 7 7 22 27	54
Charlton	39 8	4 8 29 22	5 7 7 19 28	54
Sheff Wed	39 4	9 6 12 16	5 5 6 24 24	53
Leeds Utd	39 8	5 6 21 17	6 5 9 22 30	52
Cardiff	39 9	4 7 28 25	4 8 7 20 25	51
Birmingham	38 7	6 6 22 27	4 8 7 21 28	50
Brighton	39 6	7 6 26 24	4 8 8 17 22	45
Bolton	39 9	6 4 32 22	3 3 14 14 35	45
Huddersfld	39 7	6 7 26 27	4 5 10 22 40	44
Reading	38 8	3 7 23 20	4 5 11 19 41	44
Fulham	39 8	3 8 28 28	4 4 12 22 40	43
Rotherham	39 6	6 8 27 32	3 7 9 13 28	40
Wigan	39 2	8 10 16 25	6 3 10 19 27	35
Millwall	39 3	6 10 18 34	4 6 10 15 30	33
Blackpool	39 4	5 11 17 33	0 6 13 13 45	23



BEATEN: Manchester City's Wilfried Bony (right) scores their first goal of the game past a dejected West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper Boaz Myhill (centre) during the Barclays Premier League match at the Etihad Stadium earlier today.

Scottish Premiership

Celtic	3	Dundee Utd	0
Mackay-Steven 16		Guidetti 33	
Denayer 45		Rooney 36	
HT 0-1		Att 7,014	
Partick	1	Inverness CT	0
Lawless 84			
HT 0-0		Att 2,603	
Ross Cnty	2	Kilmarnock	1
Gardyne 24		Ashcroft 88	
Curran 59			
HT 1-0		Att 3,389	
St Johnstn	2	St Mirren	0
Graham 33		Anderson 62	
HT 1-0		Att 3,166	

Grey panels indicate High-scoring games

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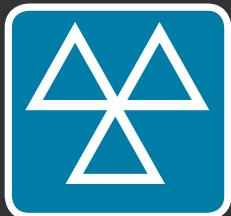
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